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## CUSTOM AGENTS

A joint product of ceremony-obsessed medieval culture, the Roman Catholic Church, and guilds of physicians, theologians, and lawyers whose members had just discovered that they constituted a class of persons to be taken seriously, the university has never lacked for rite, pomp, and strut.

The first significant universities, such as those founded in the early 13th century in Paris (awarding licenses in theology, philosophy, and logic) and Bologna (civil and canon law), were awash with standards for dress, language (Latin in *every* circumstance), and what the University of Paris called “the accustomed order in lectures and disputations.” That order included a 4 A.M. wake-up call, lectures at 5, Mass at 6, followed by “disputes,” lectures, “repetitions” of lectures, disputes, more repetitions, and a 9 P.M. bed call. The lectures themselves were also conducted according to fixed custom, in large halls with the professor enthroned front and center in a raised “magisterial chair.” Just below him sat the wealthier and nobler of students in chairs with armrests, while the hoi polloi were arrayed behind them on backless wood benches or on the floor and windowsills when bench space ran out. (At some universities, lecture hall windows were placed so the learned doctor could gaze upon a pastoral scene, and thus nourish his powers of memory.)

Commencement—or “inception,” as it was first called—was likewise a choreographed public occasion, beginning with the oral examination that led to a doctoral degree (the only degree offered, and which was required only for those who intended to become teachers themselves). These final exams set a committee of scholars behind a table to question the would-be doctor seated in a chair across the room, and were conducted before a public audience whose members were known to shout insults at the candidate if they found his responses wanting.

Safely past this challenge, soon-to-be doctors were paraded on horseback to the local cathedral (or church if no cathedral was local) led by trumpeters, mace-bearers, and “players on the fife.” A procession of faculty and students followed, each clad in the robe and colors appropriate to his academic station. In solemn ceremonies at the cathedral, the graduate was handed, in succession, his “license” to practice, an open book (symbolizing the need for continued learning), a closed book (learning did not come from reading alone), a suitable cap (red for law, black for theology, variants of blue for medicine), and a ring to be worn as a sign he had wed his

discipline. And then, having been kissed on both cheeks by the senior scholar conferring the degree, the new doctor was escorted in a torchlight procession to a banquet hall, where all the party ate and drank late into the night at his considerable expense. Across Europe this general order of the day took on local colorings. Sweden added cannon fire to the proceedings. At Louvain, the candidates were carried by hand in an ornate chair. In Spain, the new graduate was presented with a sword and gold spurs in addition to the tchotchkies described above; in return he was obliged to furnish his friends with a bullfight in addition to the feast. In Vienna, the graduate had to spruce up on the eve of his ceremony, an act known as “the ordeal of the bath,” which was not a reflection of medieval views of bathing but a deliberate reference to the trials of a squire seeking knighthood, which began, mundanely, with a bath.

Over the next two centuries, universities changed, custom faded to routine, and the rituals that attended commencements were either dropped or adapted to suit non-medieval likings. In the American colonies, where Congregationalist sensibilities held sway, commencement rituals were seen to smack of popery, inappropriate pride, and rank European decadence. In 1701, Increase Mather tried, unsuccessfully, to convince Yale officials to do away with the ceremonies, arguing that they “proved very expensive & are occasion of much sin” (two complaints that persist); while Harvard, which was in fact Mather’s alma mater, did not regularly schedule commencement exercises until the 1760s. When American universities did hold such ceremonies in colonial times, they were generally private affairs for students and faculty, and often occurred—anti-climactically, one would suppose—in the September following completion of studies.

In the mid-18th century, however, one of those periodic fevers of cultural panic so well known to Americans seized the landed and monied classes, who wondered how, in a country with no fixed distinctions of rank, they could continue to preserve the privileges of class. University education was one answer—the earned degree distinguishing future leaders from future followers. And with that comforting thought, the need for a tradition of public commencement ceremonies—“attended by a vast concourse of the politest company,” as John Witherspoon, president of the College of New Jersey (later, Princeton) noted—suddenly became apparent.

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—BEN BIRNBAUM

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## LETTERS

**SALLY'S GANG**

William Bole did a wonderful job in "Sally's Calculation: How to Make a Mathematician" (Summer 2010), capturing Paul Sally's personality, presence, and devotion to mathematics, which extends to all levels.

When I was a young mathematician at the University of Oklahoma, Paul encouraged me to work on the projects that eventually drew the attention of Boston College. No doubt he was consulted when I was hired, because we always ask Paul for frank assessments of candidates in number theory, which is now one of the strengths of the math department.

I met Paul 20 years ago; he had one eye and two legs then. During a visit to Chicago soon after his first amputation, I told Paul that the mushy thud of his new leg down the hallway conjured evil stalking on a foggy night. He was delighted: "Hey, I'm the London Squisher!"

When the other leg went, he called it "Sally Symmetrization" and got back to work. By the 2007 MIT lecture mentioned in the article, Paul was almost blind in his remaining eye. Unaided, he charged like the Bionic Man up the stairs to the lecture room, then sat on a table dangling his titanium legs, speaking about supercuspidal representations from memory while his wife, Judy, monitored from his notes.

*Mark Reeder  
 Boston College*

*The writer is a professor of mathematics.*

Readers might imagine that William Bole painted a larger than life picture of Paul Sally. I can assure them that it was a modest portrait. Sally's impact on mathematics and mathematics education has been amazing. He can serve as an inspiration to us all, especially college professors.

Rather than complaining about the education our children and students receive in K-12 schools, we should do something about it. What Sally has done with the Chicago Public Schools is the

stuff of legend. The fact that he is an excellent mathematician belies the myth that outstanding research and service to the community are incompatible for faculty.

I also enjoyed reading about the new Ph.D. program in the department of mathematics. I know many of the faculty well and they are a strong group who will produce excellent Ph.D.s. Boston College has much to be proud of in the past, present, and future of its department.

*David Manderscheid  
 Lincoln, Nebraska*

*The writer is professor of mathematics and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.*

William Bole provided a lively portrait of a remarkable man. Missing, however, was mention of Paul Sally's teaching at Boston College.

During his time as a Brandeis Ph.D. student, Paul was a sort of pied piper to BC math majors. His yearlong "Modern Algebra" course at the Heights was legendary. There was good mathematics, carried home by his love for the subject, together with encouragement and utter respect for his students. Many of us who have enjoyed careers in the mathematical sciences owe him a large measure of thanks.

None of us, I dare say not even Sally himself, could have predicted in the early 1960s the accomplishments that lay ahead. Paul Sally has had a magnificent career in one of America's elite mathematics departments. His research contributions are central, strong, and deep, and he has been a leader among mathematicians influencing the teaching of mathematics.

If Sally had had a comparable stint with the Celtics, they would have retired his jersey.

*Philip A. Leonard '64  
 Tempe, Arizona*

*The writer is a professor of mathematics at Arizona State University.*

I know a few graduate students (including yours truly) who might not have received their advanced degrees from Boston College without Paul Sally's help in the early 1960s.

Mr. Bole makes reference to Paul's basketball prowess. In truth, Paul had one of the best hook shots in New England, right up there with Tommy Heinsohn. Of course, like Tommy, once Paul got the ball you never got it back.

*Leo Power '56, MA '64, MBA '72  
Brookline, Massachusetts*

*The writer retired in 2005 as director of Boston College's Institute for Scientific Research.*

Yo, Bole. Thanks for "Sally's Calculation."

The distinctive Paul Sally pedagogy you witnessed in Chicago I recall in shadowy formation plied on my school chums and me his rookie season at Boston College High School. Challenge questions and brainstorm groups, certainly, but also basketball. In Paul's mind, basketball is five active players against five opposing players and substitutions in myriad combinations and permutations of movement against time. It's man on man and triangle and two and box and one inside a rectangle. It's a round solid describing a parabolic arc deflected off square backboard or asymptotic to round rim and conic net. Basketball is not a metaphor for the universe. It is the universe.

Paul Sally's classroom had no walls. He'd turn up randomly at basketball practices and drop learning objectives from the classroom into demonstrations of pivot moves for the low and high post.

As far as I can recall, only Skinny Graham pursued mathematics as a life's work. But, Bole, if you bump into Paul Sally again, tell him we all remember—with fondness. Better yet, tell those Chicago Young Scholars that they belong to a half-century tradition of indebted victims.

*Paul M. Comean '62  
Hollywood, Florida*

I watched Paul Sally teach a class one Saturday morning to Boston elementary teachers, and his message was the same as it was to those of us who had him for

freshman calculus. Mathematics is to be learned the right way—it can be hard and confusing but if you work at it, and apply the basic principles, you will come to see the logic of it in numbers and symbols and in life. He refused to back down from the rigor, and those veteran teachers stayed with him.

On a trip to Boston a few years ago, Paul and I settled in at a restaurant and he filled the night with great stories, intermingled with talk of the horrible state in which we find ourselves in America, where the public, let alone students, are woefully unappreciative of mathematics. With Paul, however, humor always triumphs and he told a story about visiting a high school in Chicago. One of his former middle school students was walking down the hall and Paul asked, "How's it going, Jerome?" "Great," was the reply, "this year I am taking trigonometry."

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As a former school head, I loved the cover story on Paul Sally—it gives one hope.

*Judy Knotts, NC'62  
Austin, Texas*

## TRADITION

During the last 50 years there have been fireworks and polemics over the Second Vatican Council. Some believe Vatican II saved the Roman Catholic Church, and some, I understand, won't attend sacraments presided over by priests ordained after 1965. Along comes a calm voice of reason in Thomas H. Groome and his article "Recycling" (Spring 2010).

Recently I visited the site of what used to be the La Salette Shrine in Ipswich, Massachusetts, now a golf course. This was a shrine my parents would bring us to one weekend a month, where, over the course of six hours, we would attend Mass, breakfast, the gift shop with its plastic dashboard jesuses, stations of the cross in a sunken garden, and, finally, benediction. The cathedral-like church is padlocked now and dilapidated. The granite stairs, once filled with pilgrims, have crumbled like ancient ruins.

Perhaps we can look at post-Vatican II Catholicism as shedding the plastic Jesus and celebrating ancient faith traditions. Groome's revisiting of the reforms of Vatican II offers hope for a future in which such traditions are appreciated.

*Mike Curren  
Reading, Massachusetts*

## RIGHTFUL HEIRS

In "Dead Right" (Spring 2010), Professor Ray Madoff explains how American law has increasingly helped to protect the property interests of the deceased. And at first blush, the heightened property protections she describes appear consistent with society's cherished expectations. However, in the very year that Congress has allowed the estate tax to lapse, I can't help but wonder, do these laws go too far in perpetuating wealth inequality? Laws to protect the publicity interest of a deceased, for example, invariably benefit the wealthy—the heirs who have already inherited millions and stand to inherit millions more.

While I don't believe eliminating newly enhanced property rights is the answer, I do think the law should develop, perhaps by way of tax reform, to better redistribute this wealth, so society as a whole can benefit, too. After all, isn't it only fair that the millions of fans who supported Michael Jackson during his life, through concert ticket and album purchases, share in the estimated \$200 million his estate earned in the six months following his death?

*Joseph Perry, JD '05  
New York, New York*

*Correction: In "Senior Moments," the student identified on pages 33 and 39 as Jonathan Flowers is actually John Flowers.*

*A follow-up to "The Last Train" by Tim Czerwinski (Winter 2010), in which it was reported that the last scheduled football game against Notre Dame would take place October 2, 2010; On June 10, an additional six games were announced in the "holy war," to be played through 2019.*

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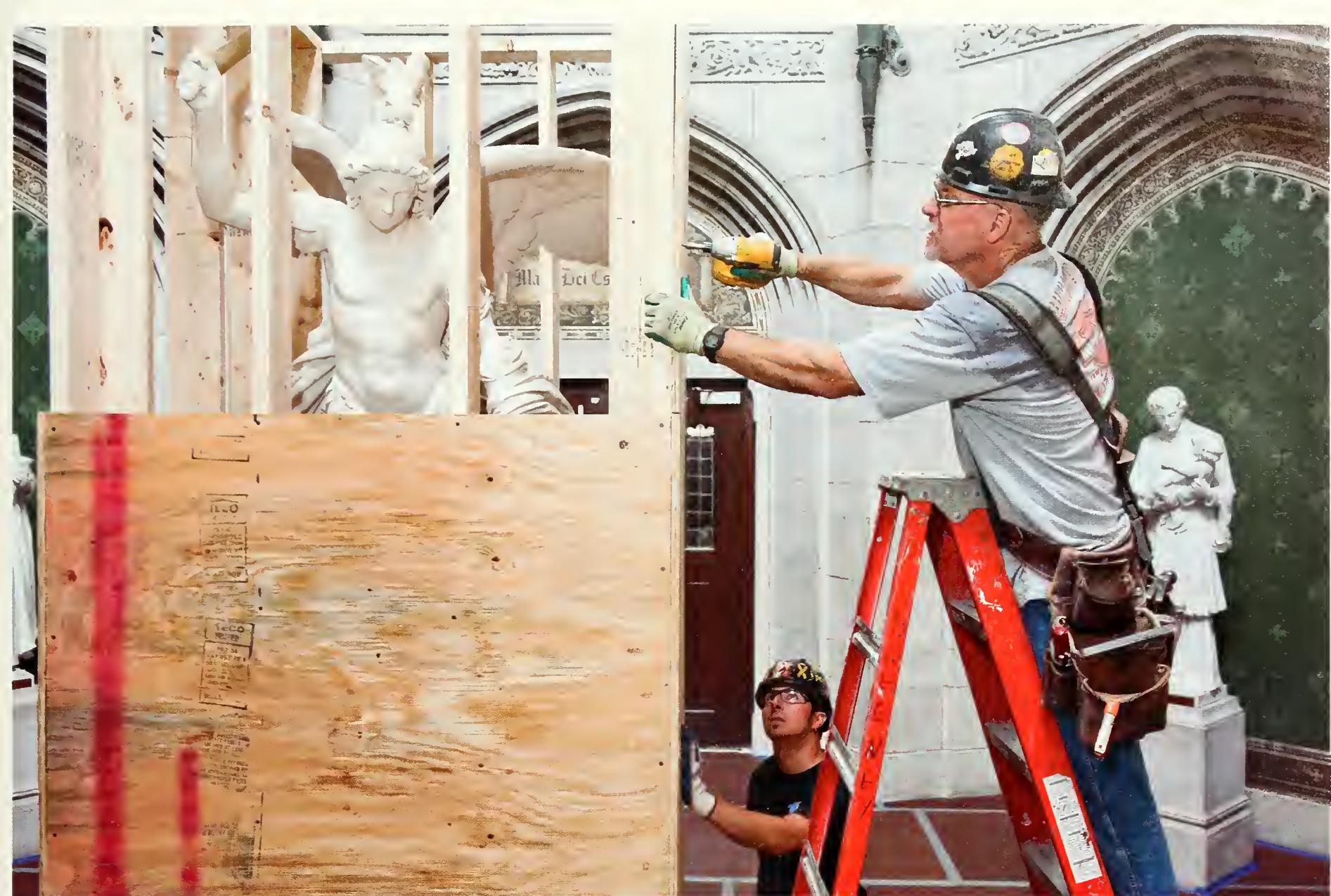
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The Association of Retired Faculty published *Our Proud Refrain*, which includes 17 **recollections** of the Heights in the 1950s and '60s, including memories of "The Faculty Wives Club," the reluctance of Protestant and Jewish scholars to join the faculty, uncivil wars over tenure decisions, and civil conversations with students who were engaged in occupying administrative offices. ☀ Speaking of the old days, James Woods, SJ, dean of the Woods College, told a group that had gathered to celebrate the life of **Rita Kelleher**, the longtime nursing dean who recently died at age 101, that when Kelleher came to Boston College in 1947 to interview with President William Kelleher, SJ, a solicitous gate attendant advised her that "potential kitchen employees were not interviewed by the president." ☀ The University calculated that some 56,000 alumni, parents, and friends **participated** in a Boston College event during the fiscal year that ended on May 31, including 5,383 who attended reunion. ☀ The Lynch School of Education received a \$20 million gift from Carolyn and Peter Lynch '65 to found a "leadership academy" for newly appointed **principals** at Boston-area public, Catholic, and charter schools. ☀ In a "cardboard recycling" competition, the University's **716,000-pound entry** earned it a fifth-place finish among 604 colleges. ☀ Campus minister John (Jack) Butler, SJ, was appointed vice president for University **Mission and Ministry**, suc-

ceeding Joseph Appleyard, SJ, who founded the office in 1998. ☀ A water main break that caused a shortage of **potable water** on the campus for several days was relieved, in part, by a shipment of bottled water from Holy Cross. ☀ Honorary degree recipients at **Commencement** included Jeffrey Immelt, CEO of General Electric, who addressed the graduates; Anthony S. Bryk '70, president of the Carnegie Foundation; former Red Sox CEO John Harrington '57, MBA'66; Mary Hart, RGS, who directs after-school and summer programs in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood; Joy Haywood Moore '81, who leads the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, in South Africa; and Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, archbishop emeritus of the Westminster Archdiocese. ☀ A record **25 colleges** sent their top undergraduate poets to declaim at the Greater Boston Intercollegiate Poetry Festival, in Corcoran Commons. ☀ Steve Donahue, the former Cornell men's **basketball coach**, who replaced the notoriously unclubbable (though often successful) Al Skinner in April, wasted no time in posing for photographs with students at a welcome gathering on the Dustbowl and telling them "[Boston College is] a grand slam, over the Green Monster, versus the Yankees, in Game 7." ☀ An MBTA investigation of an April **collision** between a B-line trolley and a vehicle containing Boston College students determined that the driver of



**HOMEBODY**—In early June, Gasson Hall closed for an estimated 15 months of renovations that will include extensive replacement of exterior stonework, installation of some 250 energy-efficient windows, and upgrades to interior systems. All classrooms and offices have been emptied and their inhabitants relocated, but Scipione Tadolini's 1869 marble sculpture of St. Michael the Archangel triumphing over Satan will remain in the rotunda, protected in a 12-foot-tall plywood box, shown here being erected by contract workers on June 16. As ever, Michael will share the rotunda with the statues of four Jesuit saints—Ignatius of Loyola, John Berchmans, Aloysius Gonzaga, and Stanislaus Kostka (above, at right), all similarly encased.

the trolley was speeding and at fault. No one was seriously injured. ☀ Carroll School professor **Pete Wilson** received the 2010 “Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award” from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. ☀ The sailing team, which is the closest thing to a juggernaut that Boston College possesses, brought home its fourth **national title** in three years, this time in coed competition. The students also won their second consecutive Fowle Memorial Trophy, which honors “the year’s best all-around performance.” Also finding themselves in a winner’s circle were Ken Aruda ’10 and Brendan Benedict ’12, who defeated Trinity University (Texas) in the finals to win the American Debate Association’s junior varsity championship. ☀ Boston College theologian

Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, was named **president** of the Catholic Theological Society of America. ☀ Boston College joined with Harvard and state agencies to turn a 2,500-square-foot asphalt **parking lot** in Allston into the “Evergreen Street Community Green Space.” ☀ Rattigan Professor emeritus John Mahoney released his fifth disk of spoken **poetry**, *The Romantic Voice*. ☀ Eighty alumni attended a reception in **Seoul** for President William P. Leahy, SJ, during Boston College’s first-ever official visit to Korea. ☀ The \$1.5 billion Light the World Campaign closed the year on June 1 at \$718 million, while alumni giving rose for the fifth consecutive year with 26,800 gifts, representing **27.8 percent** of alumni. ☀ No Digest would be complete sans intelligence regarding fresh inutile ranking of the relative standings

of American universities, and this edition features three reports. First, parentsand-colleges.com determined that Boston College offered the second best “College Eats” in the nation, after Bowdoin. Second, campusgrotto.com (“The Inside Source at College”) named Bapst the **“Most Beautiful College Library”** in the nation, with Michigan, Washington, Columbia, and Penn filling out the top five. And PayScale, Inc., a Seattle-based aggregator of compensation data, determined that Boston College ranks 49th in the nation on a “30 Year Return on Investment” in a 2009 bachelor’s degree. PayScale projects that the investment—\$189,000—will by 2039 pay out \$927,000 in compensation, for an annualized return of 10.7 percent. MIT topped the list, offering a 12.6 percent yearly return. —*Ben Birnbaum*



From center-left: O'Brien, Allen, and Bonaiuto, with BC bOp! musicians, in Robsham Theater

# Upbeat

By Jane Whitehead

Celebrating a jazz legend

A big band sound rocked Robsham Theater late into the night on Sunday May 9 as the veteran Boston-based Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, the Boston College student jazz ensemble BC bOp!, and a specially formed chamber choir joined with renowned pianist and composer Geri Allen to commemorate jazz musician Mary Lou Williams (1910–81). Williams's 57-year career as a composer, an arranger, and a mentor of musicians such as Thelonious Monk and Miles Davis places her at the “very top echelon of the jazz pantheon,” according to music critic George Kanzler, and significantly influenced the evolution of jazz in the 20th century. Her music, said Duke Ellington, was “perpetually contemporary,” her writing and performing, always “a little ahead.”

The idea for the concert, billed as “A Mary Lou Williams Centennial: From Swing to Sacred Music, a Journey of Faith,” came from Williams’s spiritual

advisor and manager, Peter F. O’Brien, SJ. In 2009 he proposed the event to Mark Harvey, a lecturer in music at MIT and founder of the Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, who in turn approached Sebastian Bonaiuto, director of bands at Boston College. The University had conferred an honorary doctorate of arts on Williams in 1975 for her music and her charitable efforts on behalf of children and down-and-out musicians, so Boston College seemed a fitting place to celebrate the performer, composer, and Roman Catholic convert who said of her music: “every time I play, I count it a prayer.”

The concert was cosponsored by the Boston College Bands program and the University’s Arts and Social Responsibility Project (ASR) whose chair, associate design professor Crystal Tiala, said that Williams’s musical achievements and her philanthropy dovetailed with the ASR mission to ally the arts with “positive social change.” (Previous ASR projects

include a student-produced documentary on homelessness.) Tiala cited Williams’s Bel Canto Foundation, started in 1958 to aid musicians with drug and alcohol problems, and the Mary Lou Williams Foundation, created in 1980 to bring jazz to children. She also noted that Williams was a pioneering African-American woman in a male-dominated field. In her early teens, she played with Duke Ellington’s band; later she composed and arranged music for the bands of Benny Goodman, Earl Hines, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, and Dizzy Gillespie.

The evening’s narrator, O’Brien, began with a description of his first encounter with Williams, “in early 1964, in the pages of *Time* magazine.” Two photographs in the article caught his attention, O’Brien told the Robsham audience of some 250. One showed Williams sitting on the raised band area in the middle of the circular bar at the Hickory House on West 52nd Street in Manhattan, a premier jazz club from the 1930s to the 1950s. The other image showed Williams kneeling at the communion rail in the Church of St. Francis Xavier on West 16th Street, the church where, following her conversion to Catholicism, she was baptized in May 1957, near her 47th birthday. Soon after reading the *Time* article, O’Brien introduced himself to Williams at a New York jazz club where she was playing. He was 23, a Jesuit seminarian, and she was 53, but they formed an immediate, enduring friendship.

The Robsham concert program mirrored the fusion of secular and sacred influences in Williams’s art, with swing and blues pieces dominating the first half. After what O’Brien applauded as “gorgeous” renditions by the two jazz ensembles of classic Williams compositions such as “Chief,” “Walkin’ and Swingin’,” and “Scratchin’ in the Gravel,” Geri Allen, a champion of Williams’s music who portrayed her in Robert Altman’s 1996 film *Kansas City*, took the piano to perform her 1953 piece “New Musical Express” with percussive precision, her black patent high-heels tapping out the tight, fast-paced rhythm.

Williams’s sophistication as a composer was evident in what MIT’s Harvey introduced as the “exotic and mysterious”

"Scorpio" movement from her 12-part Zodiac Suite, written and first performed at New York's Town Hall in 1945. The piece, played by Geri Allen and Aardvark, has the depth and harmonic complexity of symphonic music, the result, Harvey explained, of Williams's close study of contemporary classical composers including Stravinsky and Schoenberg.

AFTER A SHORT INTERMISSION, THE program's focus shifted to works testifying to the centrality of religion in Williams's later life and career. One effect of Williams's conversion to Catholicism, said O'Brien, was that "everything creative inside of her became fused"—her spiritual life, her creative life, and her huge "natural, automatic outpouring of generosity." Her first major religious composition, *Black Christ of the Andes* (1964), was a cantata celebrating the canonization of the mixed race Martin de Porres, born in Peru in 1579. The haunting invocation is "as challenging as it is beautiful," said JoJo David, director of the Mary Lou

Williams Centennial Choir of Boston College, created for the occasion. For one performance only, David gathered nine student singers from BC bOp! and the BC Liturgical Arts group and added the mellow alto of professional jazz performer Cara Campanelli '09. Campanelli also sang a solo in "Anima Christi," Williams's setting of the 14th-century prayer of praise and penitence that blends elements of gospel and blues into what O'Brien called "the funkiest long-meter waltz around."

Toward the end of the evening came the only piece not composed by Williams: a contemplative solo piano tribute by Allen, entitled "Thank You, Madam."

"Now we're going to raise the roof," announced O'Brien, as Allen, BC bOp! and the choir combined for the rollicking congregational anthem, "Praise the Lord," followed by the 1937 boogie-woogie Williams classic "Roll 'Em," written for the Benny Goodman Band, belted out by all the musicians on stage. ■

Jane Whitehead is a Boston-based writer.

their business plans. In April, five to seven finalists pitch these plans to a panel of judges from the corporate and entrepreneurial world.

Nemeth was intrigued by the BCVC, and he had a project long in mind: a "smart" clock to wake individuals at a point in their sleep cycle that maximizes alertness. (The idea was prompted by Nemeth and Gupta's early morning high school tennis practices in Dix Hills, New York.) Nemeth brought up the BCVC to Gupta, a freshman at Yale, and the two decided to enter. Before long, with coaching from their BCVC mentor—Carl Yankowski, a Boston College trustee who launched Playstation as COO of Sony Electronics and as CEO of Palm took that company public—the pair were calling sleep researchers across the United States to learn about tracking sleep patterns. This led them to actigraphy, a method of measuring and assessing motion during sleep that has been used in the treatment of sleep disorders.

Nemeth and Gupta envisioned a small accelerometer that could be strapped to the wrist at night and linked wirelessly to a smart phone. A software program in the phone would monitor motion data from the accelerometer and calculate the optimal moment, within a 20-minute window, to wake a sleeper. They dubbed the system WakeSmart, later renaming it WakeMate when they discovered the Internet domain name had been taken.

After five months of research and design, the two freshmen finished the 2007 inaugural BCVC contest dead last. Nemeth recalls the judges' verdict as, "a cool idea, but this business plan is a joke."

Nemeth and Gupta reentered BCVC in 2008, built a more robust plan, but again finished out of the running. Determined to improve, the two spent the following summer at the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute, where they polished their proposal—adding detailed market analysis, and particulars on manufacturing, distribution, and intellectual property rights—well enough to win the \$50,000 grand prize offered by the Yale Entrepreneurial Society's business plan competition. They turned down the award, however, when they learned it would require signing over key rights to the sponsoring venture capital firm.

# Timing is all

By Thomas Christopher

WakeMate beckons

**G**reg Nemeth entered Boston College in the Class of 2010. He left after his junior year, an entrepreneur with a business plan, intent on seeking funding, a lawyer, an industrial designer, a manufacturing engineer, and a software designer. As the Class of 2010 prepared for Commencement, Nemeth was taking orders for WakeMate, the product he and business partner Arun Gupta had created in the spare days, nights, and vacations of the previous four years.

Nemeth's odyssey began early freshman year when he heard about the new Boston College Venture Competition. BCVC, as it is commonly known, was

created by students Matthew Becker '08, Eric Hilberg '06, and Paul Santora '08 of the Carroll School of Management and William Clerico '07 of Arts and Sciences, with the aim of providing opportunity and experience to undergraduate entrepreneurs. Working with CSOM professors Larry Meile and John Gallagher, the four secured funding from an anonymous alumnus for prizes (\$10,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second, and \$2,000 for third) and established a process, still in use, that, each October, connects student contestants with advisors—local entrepreneurs, attorneys, venture capitalists—who counsel the competitors as they build



Gupta (left) and Nemeth '10 at a restaurant in Newton. They have no office, only laptops.

Instead, Nemeth and Gupta submitted their new business plan to BCVC for a third time, in 2009. They won; and the \$10,000 prize came without strings.

The pair now found themselves at a crossroads. The combined demands of a startup and college courses, Nemeth says, dragged on his grades even as the business floundered. So, at the end of their junior year, Nemeth and Gupta took leaves from their respective schools. As Nemeth puts it, they had to see their invention through, "whether to success or failure."

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL LIFE ISN'T a career, it's an obsession, suggests Nemeth. In summer 2009, the two men moved to Silicon Valley, where they had been selected to attend a 10-week training program for entrepreneurs run by the venture capital fund Y Combinator. Working out of an apartment that doubled as an office, Nemeth says, WakeMate became his last thought before falling asleep and his first thought upon waking. (The only diversion was an occasional round of mini-golf with Gupta.) Nemeth and Gupta refined their plans, attended lectures by entrepreneurs and businesspeople from the Bay Area, and, on Demo Day, made their pitch to potential funders.

In late winter 2010, a number of "angel investors" committed \$650,000 in initial funding. Nemeth and Gupta assembled a

team to help design the hardware and software, protect their patent and trademark rights, and guide them through the complexities of manufacturing. This last expertise proved crucial, because WakeMate's website attracted not the hundreds of pre-orders they hoped for but thousands, pushing production of the prototype outside the United States.

CSOM professor Gallaugher says

Nemeth and Gupta aren't alone in getting a boost from the BCVC experience. Ken Carnesi '08 and Jonathan Rust '04 took third prize in 2008 with Anaptyx, a design to offer low-cost wireless service to apartment buildings. Anaptyx's projects have since been written up in the *Washington Post* and *PC World*. BCVC cofounder Bill Clerico and Rich Aberman '07 recently began marketing WePay, an online payment service, after securing \$1.65 million in venture capital. And the winners of the 2010 BCVC, Shahbano Imran '09 and David Tolioupov '10, are pursuing backing for their product, an Internet search engine that builds targeted advertising platforms.

"Every day," Nemeth says of his and Gupta's new life, "we're in over our heads, doing things that we're not qualified to do, probably shouldn't be doing—but that's what it is to be an entrepreneur.... It's an adventure with lots of highs and lows. There have been points where the technology isn't working, the investors aren't responding. Then there are times when you go into a meeting and someone says 'I love it' and hands you a bunch of money, and it's the greatest feeling in the world." ■

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## Publishing season

In spring, some students' thoughts turn to publishing, and *Elements* and *Al-Noor* were among the student publications issuing new editions. *Elements*, the five-year-old magazine of undergraduate research, featured a piece by Kitsy Smith '10, titled "Expanding Waistlines: A 'Nutrition Transition' in China." Smith writes that the health costs for China as its citizens shift toward more sedentary jobs and "urban lifestyle eating" could cut into economic growth: "China currently spends only 5 percent of its gross national product (GNP) on obesity-related costs," she notes, citing predictions that it will eventually achieve the U.S. spending rate of 17–20 percent.

In *Al-Noor*, Boston College's undergraduate Middle Eastern and Islamic studies journal, Amanda Rothschild '11 wrote an article titled "A King's Dream," an account of the influence of Deerfield Academy in western Massachusetts on King's Academy, a boarding school founded in Jordan in 2007 by King Abdullah II. To counter the influence of fundamentalist groups on his country's youth, says Rothschild, Abdullah, himself a Deerfield alumnus, brought in Deerfield administrators and teachers, a "liberal arts" curriculum, and a program of financial aid. Classes are coed, and students of all races, religions, and economic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Rothschild notes Abdullah's desire that students learn, in his words, "ethics, self-reliance, social responsibility, and [a] sense of camaraderie."

—Tim Czerwinski



Attendees at the conference in Conte Forum April 10

# The back forty

By Clare Dunsford

Love and death in the second half of life

**O**n the concourse at Conte Forum on Saturday April 10, throngs of silver-haired or bald folks saunter, a walker or cane visible here and there among them. The occasion is a one-day conference called "Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life," hosted by, among other groups, the Alumni Association. Conference organizers hoped for maybe 400 registrants ages 40 and older, thought they might get 200, and ended up with 900 people from 25 states, all here to attend talks and participate in breakout sessions whose titles include key words such as "Faith," "Grief," "Loss," "Life," "Discernment," "Vice," "Hope." During the day, speakers will quote, among others, Teilhard de Chardin, Mother Teresa, Jung, health care proxies, the sociologist Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, and Pope John Paul II. No one will give investment tips.

After his invocation, a reading from Psalm 71 ("Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God"), Myles

Sheehan, SJ, who leads the New England Jesuit Province, remarks on the racy exploits of King David in *his* old age: "This proves that power, sexuality, and intrigue are often the most exciting in the second half of life." The audience explodes in laughter and applause.

These are the Boomer Horde, the Silver Tsunami, in the language of demographers. According to James Lubben, director of the University's Institute on Aging, in 20 years the population pyramid—elders teetering on top of a broad base of middle-aged and young people—will morph into a rectangle, as 65 and older becomes the fastest-growing age group in the world. In the United States, lower fertility rates along with growing longevity mean that the truly old—individuals 85 and older—who numbered 100,000 in 1900, will number 18.9 million by the year 2050. These figures help explain the proliferation of centers at Boston College devoted to studying aging: In addition to the

Institute on Aging, there are the Center for Retirement Research, the Sloan Center on Aging and Work, and the National Research Center for Participant-Directed Services, a resource for state providers of services to the aged and disabled.

The first keynote speaker is Jennie Chin Hansen '70, outgoing president of the AARP, and when John Feudo, associate vice president for alumni relations, introduces her, he announces that he recently turned 50. "Four days later," he says—but before he can finish, the crowd anticipates the punch line and erupts in laughter—"yes, you guessed it, I got an AARP card in the mail." Hansen's take on retirement is that it is an opportunity to volunteer in the community. Her message harmonizes nicely with the results of an online survey conducted before the conference by Sloan researchers Jacquelyn James and Marcie Pitt-Catsouphes. More than 800 people completed the survey, including some conference attendees. While certainly not a representative sample of Americans, this group—three-quarters female and 69 percent Boston College graduates—reports high levels of volunteering: Thirty percent between ages 55 and 65, and 40 percent over age 65, perform a volunteer activity every week.

ONE OF THE MORNING BREAKOUT sessions, Michael St. Clair's, titled "Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities in Midlife and Beyond," attracts more than 200 registrants. St. Clair begins by offering his bona fides: "I was born in 1940." A folksy, self-deprecating psychologist, he talks about his son who can't live without his Blackberry, and then asks the crowd, "How many are over 50?" Most hands go up. "How many over 70?" Some come down. "Have cell phones?" Conte is a sea of hands. "How many have regular access to the Internet?" No hands come down. He describes himself and his audience as "digital immigrants" in a land of "digital natives," recognition of the speed of change in their lifetimes.

In the Yawkey Center's Murray Room, where Boston College theologian Lisa Sowle Cahill has just finished speaking about "End of Life Issues: The Catholic Approach," the space is packed and the atmosphere is charged. Cahill has asked

for questions, and individuals from the audience go up to the microphone and testify to experience in the land of the dying: a social worker in an assisted living facility, an intensive care nurse of 45 years, an oncologist, a chaplain, an estate planning attorney, and a man who calls himself “just another bozo on the bus with no particular expertise except that I read the newspaper.” This last suggests that in reaction to secular opinion U.S. Catholic bishops took an extreme stand in 2005 in the Terri Schiavo case when they endorsed continued nourishment and treatment despite Schiavo’s persistent, 15-year vegetative state. Schiavo is brought up often this day, although at least one speaker points out that she signifies not so much the horrors of aging as the horrors of living in technological limbo, a place not dreamed of by the Church but invented by man.

One of the most highly attended afternoon breakout sessions is Fr. Sheehan’s on “End of Life Issues: Spirituality and Aging.” In addition to heading the regional Jesuit province, Sheehan is a geriatric physician and teacher. He knows how to work this crowd. “Who made you?” he shouts out. “God made me,” comes the quick answer right out of the *Baltimore Catechism*, which most U.S. Catholic schools stopped using in the late 1960s. “Why did God make you?” In unison from the audience, “God made me to know, love and serve him in this life, and be happy with him forever in the next.”

Our culture is afraid of death, willing to do anything to stave it off, Sheehan says, even when the body announces that its decline cannot be stopped. Pope John Paul II died at home with no extraordinary interventions; he showed that palliative care, focused on pain reduction and quality of life, is not murder but a right. “What, you want to die better than the pope?” Sheehan jokes. More quietly, he asks, “How much of our culture’s preoccupation with control, assisted suicide, and ‘the culture of death’ is due to a resistance to God’s plan for us?”

At 54, Sheehan remembers his Boston childhood as a time when death was a natural part of life. Irish wakes in Southie were celebrations; he and his cousins ran around daring one another to touch the body in the coffin. The dead were

remembered daily, in prayers and at Mass. Life-prolonging interventions were more rare, and care was based in the family. An expert in hydration and feeding at end of life, Sheehan once asked his mother how she had cared for his aunt in their home after a stroke. “How did you hydrate her? What about a feeding tube?” Bemused, his mother answered, “We soaked a washcloth in water and she sucked on it. We fed her by hand, and in a couple of years she died.”

Sheehan speaks with a physician’s frankness. “Just because you wet yourself on the way to the bathroom,” he says, “doesn’t mean your life is terrible or not worth living, except in our culture.” Roman Catholics have an “excellent way to die,” he asserts. Prayer, the sacraments, and belief in the dignity of the human person provide a coherent vision of death.

The final talk of the day belongs to Fr. Michael Himes, who glosses St. Augustine’s *Confessions*, the second of T.S. Eliot’s *Four Quartets*, and his own elderly mother’s confused but profound words in a nursing home. The climax of the *Confessions* is a conversation between Augustine and his mother, Monica, about what our eternal reward might look like. Soaring beyond the limits of their own minds (“marvelous Augustinian touch, that!”) they hear all creation singing, “We did not make ourselves but were made by the one who is forever.”

“I’m inclined to think—more so as I get older,” says Himes—that “to discover

you’re not the controller of your own existence is good, something to sing about.”

In T.S. Eliot, Himes finds a metaphor for old men as explorers. “We must be still and still moving / Into another intensity,” writes Eliot. Himes exhorts his audience: “Don’t let the end of your life happen to you! Live it, will it, choose it!” What distinguishes this message from an AARP brochure—what fills the hunger of this particular audience—is the countercultural twist that follows: Embrace the experience of diminishment, Himes says. We must commit to the whole process of being a creature (literally, one who passes away) and see death not as an interruption, but an intrinsic part, a culmination, of living.

Himes speaks, finally, of his 91-year-old mother from whom he has “learned more than from Eliot and Michel de Montaigne.” When everything else goes, he says, the experience of loving doesn’t disappear. Now suffering from dementia, his mother sometimes cannot recognize him when he visits daily. “Love, do you know who I am?” he asks on one particularly bad day. She studies him intently and says slowly, “I’m not sure I remember you exactly, but I think you’re someone I loved very much.” The air in Conte is utterly still. ■

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Videotaped talks and other resources from “Living the Journey” can be found at Full Story, [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).

## Massa is STM's new dean

**Mark Massa, SJ, the Karl Rahner Professor of Theology and director of the Curran Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University, has been named dean of the School of Theology and Ministry. He succeeds STM's founding dean, Richard Clifford, SJ, who returns to the faculty.**

Massa is the author of six books, including *The American Catholic Revolution: How the Sixties Changed the Church Forever* (Oxford, September 2010). He earned his Th.D. from Harvard and his M.Div. from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, which reaffiliated with Boston College in 2008 and joined the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry and C21 Online to form STM. In a letter sent to alumni and friends of the school on June 10, Massa described the STM merger as “the most exciting ministerial education enterprise to emerge in a generation.”

—Tim Czerwienski





Checking vitals, in Cushing Hall

## CLOSE-UP: A MODEL PATIENT

Meet Sim Man. He's five feet seven inches and weighs 170 pounds. He breathes, speaks, and, in addition to the indignity of a hospital gown, suffers a variety of physical affronts, from needle pricks to appendicitis to gaping wounds.

Sim Man is one of four computer-programmable mannequins purchased by the Connell School of Nursing (CSON) in 2008 and 2009. He plays a key role in the school's growing commitment to "patient simulation," a teaching method whereby students, starting in their sophomore year, gain experience through practice on synthetic patients in a mock hospital setting. Students who enter his room in Cushing Hall wear their scrubs and a nursing badge; "It ups the ante," says Maureen Connolly, the simulation laboratory coordinator.

Made largely of molded plastic and rubber, Sim Man is animated by interior computers, motors, and audio systems.

His chest rises and falls; he wheezes; his lungs rattle with pneumonia; his blood pressure oscillates. His heart produces the subtle sounds of various arrhythmia. Sim Man utters preprogrammed phrases, such as "I feel dizzy" and, "My stomach hurts." Instructors, sequestered in a booth at one end of his room, can also speak into a microphone and have their words projected through Sim Man's mouth ("Ouch!"). The mannequin has rubber veins that accept injections, as well as pulse points on the wrists, ankles, and elsewhere that throb. The patient's vital signs, displayed on hospital-style monitors, are controlled by instructors to create different medical scenarios. "In a safe environment, we can challenge students by increasing the complexity of stimuli they must respond to," says Robin Wood, associate professor of nursing. CSON students give blood transfusions (water colored with food

dye, with a few drops of bleach to keep the lines clean) and undertake tracheal intubations, using real equipment.

In addition, CSON has a pregnant female, sold as Birthing Noelle, who replicates the stages of labor. An interior motor pushes out the baby (Newborn Hal), who is computer programmable, too. Sim Baby, the school's fourth mannequin, is a slightly larger infant. Both babies can cry and turn blue, while the top of Sim Baby's skull can bulge or sink inward to signal intracranial pressure or dehydration. The price for a simulation mannequin runs to \$40,000, with a service and maintenance plan.

This summer, a second hospital room is being constructed alongside the one shown above. A control booth with two-way mirrors will separate the rooms.

—Sage Stossel

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# IN THE YEAR 2030

WILL EUROPE BECOME THE "COLONY OF ISLAM" THAT SOME PREDICT?

A HARD LOOK AT THE FUTURE

BY JONATHAN LAURENCE

In April 2009, a futuristic novel by the Russian writer Elena Tchoudinova was published in France. Titled *The Notre Dame Mosque of Paris: Year 2048*, it depicted Paris's grandest cathedral transformed into a mosque. That same spring, in an article titled "In the Casbah of Rotterdam," the Italian newspaper *Il Foglio* crowned Rotterdam the future capital of Eurabia.

Since the advent of the 21st century, any number of scholars, journalists, and Internet populists have argued that, for Europe, demography is destiny—that the combination of runaway Muslim birthrates, suicidal native European fertility rates, and white flight will lead to a set of western Islamic republics by mid-century.

Native European fertility rates have indeed fallen since World War II. And labor migration together with government provisions for family reunification have led to the exponential growth of a new Muslim minority. But the future demographic landscape of Europe will be etched less starkly than many suppose. In 2030, to be sure, Islam will continue to be the fastest-growing religion in many

parts of the continent (with evangelical Protestantism keeping pace in some places), and many disused churches will have become mosques. A small number of cities will be on the verge of a Muslim majority—Amsterdam, Bradford (England), Malmö, Marseille—and one of every four residents in London, Brussels, Paris, and Berlin will have a Muslim background. But it will also be clear that many of the manifestations of Muslim radicalism and cultural dislocation observable today were merely temporary.

It does not occur to some critics that Muslims are not always deliberately trying to offend their hosts' sensibilities:

OPPOSITE: Muslims pray, protest, in Copenhagen, February 1, 2006.



that men pray outdoors due to the shortage of mosques; that some slaughter lambs in bathtubs because there are not enough halal abattoirs; that imams are imported because Islamic theological seminaries have not yet taken root in Europe; that some Muslims have brought their grievances to the streets because they lack the right to vote. The key change by 2030 will be this: As the proportion of Muslims of foreign nationality in Europe decreases (because the number of native-born Muslims increases), Europe's democratic political institutions will kick in. Integration problems will persist, but discussions of how to resolve them will no longer be crudely couched in terms of the clash of civilizations, at least not primarily.

The social, cultural, and political adjustments are already under way.

MUCH HAS BEEN MADE IN RECENT YEARS OF THE claim that “the wombs of Muslim women will ultimately grant us victory in Europe” (a remark attributed to former Algerian president Houari Boumèdiene). In fact, the

West African, and Turkish background in Europe had higher rates—at 2.3 to 3.3 births per woman—than native European women, but the fertility rates of those foreign-born women were already well below the rates in their countries of origin. For example, the fertility rate of Moroccan-born women in the Netherlands dropped from 4.9 births in 1990 to 2.9 in 2005; that of Turkish-born women fell from 3.2 to 1.9 births in the same period. (The magic number for population replacement is held to be 2.1.) In Germany in 1990, Muslim women gave birth to two more children, on average, than their native German counterparts; in 1996 the difference was down to one; and in 2008, it dropped to 0.5. Throughout Europe, Muslim women’s fertility rates are predicted to settle at between 1.75 and 2.25 births by 2030.

BECAUSE OF A HEFTY PENSIONER BULGE—TENS OF millions of over-60-year-olds who had no counterpart a generation earlier—Europe will remain dependent on immigration to help finance what remains of its welfare states and publicly funded retirement plans. By 2030, the accession

## IN 2030, ONE IN FOUR RESIDENTS OF LONDON, BRUSSELS, PARIS, AND BERLIN WILL HAVE A MUSLIM BACKGROUND. A SMALL NUMBER OF CITIES WILL VERGE ON A MUSLIM MAJORITY—AMSTERDAM, BRADFORD, MÄLÖ, MARSEILLE.

year 2030 will signal a different direction, as the Muslim demographic boom in Europe levels off. A natural deflation of fertility among women of immigrant origin will take place; at the same time, there will be a slight rise in fertility among non-Muslim women in much of western and northern Europe, triggered by “pro-family” government measures—including more affordable child care—designed to draw them into the workplace. (More European women will become wage earners; some will also opt for a larger family.)

Overall, the population of Muslim background in the EU-25 (the European Union’s 25 members as of 2006), will increase to 25 million in 2030—out of a total 468.7 million Europeans—lifting the percentage of Muslims in European countries to 5.3 percent (from 3.7 percent in 2008). At that point, France and Germany will likely be between 15 and 16 percent Muslim. In Britain, minorities (including non-Muslims) will make up 27 percent of the population and 36 percent of persons younger than 14.

Women of Muslim background in Europe will still have higher fertility rates than the overall population, but the gap will narrow considerably. Signs of this change have been evident since 2008. That year, women of North African,

of additional countries into the European Union—Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia (with semi-membership for Iceland and Switzerland)—will increase the EU’s base population but not alter its basic trajectory toward demographic shrinkage. Policy makers will confront the need to double or triple the annual level of net immigration, in order to reverse the downward trend in the working-age population. There is one solution, however unlikely it seems within the political conditions of 2010: Admit Turkey to the European Union in the late 2020s with qualified membership. (The leaders of France and several other national governments will almost certainly agree to forgo a risky referendum if the Turks accept reduced representation in the European parliament and commission.)

Inclusion of Turkey will allow the EU to maintain its share of 6 to 7 percent of the world’s population, thus helping to preserve its weight as a global player. It will also ensure that chronic labor shortages are filled substantially by citizens of a country committed to the EU.

Adding Turkey, of course, will also dramatically change the overall Muslim population in the European Union. With an expected 25 percent increase between 2008 and 2030,

Turkey's population will expand to 90 million, making it the largest single EU state—with a higher fertility rate and lower age structure than the other members. The share of Muslims in the EU as a whole—including Turkey—will be close to 20 percent, although net immigration from Turkey to the rest of Europe will likely not exceed three million by 2030.

**HOW WILL EUROPE ESCAPE THE POLITICAL ALIENATION** of Muslims that many observers predict? The central difference between the Muslim populations of 2010 and 2030 will be that most adult Muslims in Europe will be citizens, not third-country nationals. They will speak the local language with native proficiency, and their practice of Islam will be on a course of Europeanization.

Germany will witness perhaps the most dramatic change. In its 2005 elections, fewer than one in five adult Muslims (or about 450,000) enjoyed the right to vote; but the 1999 citizenship law reform—which grants citizenship rights to children born in Germany to foreigners as long as one parent is a legal resident—has begun adding 50,000 to 100,000

newborn German citizens of Muslim background a year. The first real generation of native-born German Muslims will begin voting in national elections in 2018. Similar trends are under way in France, where as many as two million voters of Muslim background cast ballots in the 2007 national election. By 2030, that number will likely double, accounting for just under one in 10 French voters.

In 2030, the major political novelty in Europe will be the rise of a handful of openly religious Muslim politicians on nearly every national political scene. The number of single-issue Muslim voters in each constituency will not likely support a viable “Muslim party,” but political parties will begin to open their ranks in earnest to the growing minority after realizing it to be in their interest. Islamic coalitions in Denmark and the United Kingdom will establish parties that do surprisingly well in local elections; mainstream parties, weakened by fissiparous electorates, will expand their recruitment within the Muslim electorate and set aside spots at the top of candidate lists for Muslim surnames.

Overtures by mainstream parties will be facilitated by a



In Clichy-sous-Bois, a northern suburb of Paris, the restaurant Beurger King Muslim serves halal meat exclusively.



A scene in the Tower Hamlets borough of London, March 19, 2008

pioneering generation of Muslim politicians who speak of reconciling their faith and citizenship and whose discourses are tailored to the national context in which they operate. In Germany and Italy, they will appeal to the tradition of politician-priests, notably between the world wars, and to the advent of Christian Democracy following the Church's expulsion from an official role in public policy. In France and Britain, some Muslim politicians will invoke the precedent set by Jewish statesmen, 19th-century figures such as French interior minister Adolphe Crémieux and British parliamentarian Lionel de Rothschild.

In the future, it may be seen that the autumn of 2008 marked a turning point in the political integration of European Muslims—when Ahmed Aboutaleb became mayor of Rotterdam and Cem Özdemir became chairman of the German Green Party. Aboutaleb and Özdemir represent two distinct visions—one religious, one secular—yet both are patriotic and forward thinking. Özdemir is a non-practicing secularist who married a woman of Catholic background from Argentina; Aboutaleb, the son of an imam, is an observant Muslim who proved his political bona

fides by maintaining excellent relations with Jewish politicians and by speaking out against separatists and extremists in Muslim communities.

These trailblazers notwithstanding, Muslims' transition to full political participation will continue to be a delicate affair, and Muslims seeking public office will face an uphill battle.

**SO, WHAT WILL MUSLIM POLITICS LOOK LIKE IN 20 years?** Although today's opinion polls show Muslim respondents firmly within the socialist or labor blocs in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, Muslims' political views will evolve to be socially conservative, economically liberal, and dovish on foreign policy.

A division will expand across the Muslim populations of Europe: The "assimilationists" will argue that European host societies have dropped their most offensive anti-Muslim practices and have begun to open their arms and institutions to Muslims. "Separatists" will contend that Europeans' latent Islamophobia and deep-seated Zionism require Muslims to withdraw from daily social, political,

and economic life and will attempt to go it alone by creating enclaves. The separatists will be a small minority, and their ranks will diminish with each electoral cycle owing to practical accommodations that national governments will offer as incentives for political participation, including experimenting with voluntary shari'a courts to resolve certain civil disputes.

A 2009 Gallup poll reveals grounds for optimism in the coming decades. It suggests that Muslims are more likely to identify with their European homelands than previously thought and that they have slightly more confidence than the overall European population in the judiciary and other national institutions. It also shows that 97 to 98 percent of Muslims do not support "honor killings" (of girls and young women primarily, by male relatives, over cultural issues of love or sex), approximately the same percentage as the general population. European Muslims are, however, shown to be far more socially conservative than Europeans overall, by nearly every attitudinal measure, on issues ranging from pornography to abortion to premarital sex to suicide.

critical of U.S. foreign policy and will express solidarity with the Palestinian cause and opposition to Zionism. Even when acknowledging the misdeeds of Muslims—whether terrorist or anti-Semitic—they will voice a narrative of "victimization," and they will publicize Islamophobic incidents when these occur. In sum, they will have learned from the example of non-Muslim advocacy groups that the best offense is defense. Similarly, Muslim religious leaders will publicly renounce violence; they will seize on incidences of blasphemy toward Islam as opportunities to teach about their faith, whether as part of a public relations effort or a proselytizing agenda.

Overall in 2030, there will be a significant buzz of interfaith activity with Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant groups. Certain Muslim organizations may retain their proclivity toward hate literature—mostly aimed at Jews, Israelis, and Shi'as—but young Muslims involved in activities at the pan-European level will be very likely to interact with different-minded people through interfaith weekends and conferences.

Attempts to build effective foreign policy lobbies on

## MAINSTREAM POLITICAL PARTIES, WEAKENED BY FISSIPAROUS ELECTORATES, WILL EXPAND RECRUITMENT WITHIN THE MUSLIM ELECTORATE AND SET ASIDE SPOTS AT THE TOP OF CANDIDATE LISTS FOR MUSLIM SURNAMES.

The poll's most thought-provoking section deals indirectly with the subject of political violence and terrorism. It shows a high percentage of Muslims in France (82 percent), Britain (89 percent), and Germany (91 percent) who think attacks that target civilians "cannot be justified at all." These figures are slightly lower than polling data drawn several years earlier from national populations—in which 95 percent of the French public, 92 percent of the British, and 98 percent of Germans reportedly viewed any such attacks as insupportable.

By 2030, a small but rising Muslim middle class, grown increasingly political, will swell Islamic organizations set up to cultivate community identification and religious practice. These Muslims will have been born and raised in Europe and be less likely to have lived at great length abroad. Many will be attuned to issues of prejudice from their experiences as university students or job seekers or simply as passengers on the metro. They will fix on the vulnerability to external attack of the Muslim world, from Afghanistan to Iran to Palestine, and on the yet-to-be-consolidated political status of the Muslim minority in Europe. They will tend to be

behalf of Muslim interests will largely fail. Two major foreign policy developments have the potential to change the geopolitical landscape by 2030—Turkey's accession to the EU and the creation of a Palestinian state or regional protectorate. Should either event take place, it will happen imperfectly: Critics will cite restrictions on the free movement of Turks and Turkey's limited institutional role within the European parliament and commission; Palestine will endure anti-Islamist military raids launched alternately by a NATO rapid-response coalition and the forces of Egyptian president Mubarak (fils). But once the Palestinian question, especially, has been partly resolved, applying salve to the open tensions between France's 10 million Muslims and one million Jews, there will be little consensus among Europe's Muslim organizations on what the next geopolitical priorities should be.

DESPITE CONCRETE PROGRESS IN THE POLITICAL realm, the social integration of Muslims in Europe will encounter some limitations. European nations will do well to tend to domestic issues, as fears of a developing Muslim-

origin underclass prove well founded in 2030 and unemployment in this group surpasses 15 percent. In an already swelling prison population, Muslim prisoners will make up a majority of the incarcerated. They will not be the central thread of Muslim Europe's tapestry, to be sure, but they will be used as an example by skeptics who will argue that Muslims will never fit into European society.

Several countries will continue to restrict the migration of spouses. "Import brides" worry authorities, not simply because many of their marriages are forced or arranged but also because they renew the first-generation condition in which children are born into households that lack proficient speakers of the host language.

Incoming spouses will have to fulfill age requirements (23 years) and attend a linguistic and cultural training course. Already, an immigration readiness test has been put in place by the Netherlands (in 2006), known in migrant circles as the "topless-homo test" because the video portion shows images of gay men kissing and a topless woman on a beach, as a way of ensuring that immigrants understand what to expect in their new culture. Black-market versions

unambiguously state the right of all citizens to wear religious garb (with the exception of facial coverings) in public buildings such as city halls. This resolution will demonstrate that peaceful mobilization can achieve change, but it will also spur the creation across France of dozens of Islamic schools under contract with the state. Muslim parents with the greatest concern about religious observance will send their girls to a subsidized religious school, as their Jewish and Catholic counterparts do.

Also by 2030, honor killings of the sort that shocked Germany and Britain during the first decades of Muslim settlement will be classified as hate crimes against women under European law, imposing a mandatory additional 50 percent in civil penalties to any criminal sentence.

**THE MOST SERIOUS CHALLENGES TO MUSLIM INTEGRATION** will come in two forms: terrorism and nativism. In 2030, both the leaders of terrorist cells and the individuals providing material support to them will be European born. The inspiring ideology will still come from abroad, but practically every terrorist incident and arrest will be

## **THE LEADERS OF MUSLIM TERRORIST CELLS, THEIR SUPPORTERS, AND THE MUSLIM INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WHO HELP THE EUROPEAN STATES INFILTRATE AND DISMANTLE EXTREMIST NETWORKS WILL ALL BE EUROPEAN BORN.**

of such exam videos will be available in many cities of origin, as will advance copies of answer sheets. Women will be advised to avert their eyes at the appropriate moments in the video, a tactic not unlike that of the 19th-century Jews in Italian ghettos who put wax in their ears when forced to attend church. Associations representing immigrants will sue governments, arguing that the mandatory courses and examinations threaten their cultural heritage, but the European Court of Justice will uphold national government prerogatives in this area.

In the years leading up to 2030, European governments will have made small concessions to religion in the public sphere—not only granting limited and voluntary jurisdiction to religious law in some civil cases but also laying out fair guidelines on the wearing of religious clothing in public institutions. In France, after persistent political mobilization by Muslim voters, the headscarf ban of 2004 will be reformed through a legislative review process. The law will effectively revert to the spirit of the compromises of the early 1990s, allowing schoolgirls who choose to wear a headscarf to do so during lunch recess. The new law will also

homegrown. Suspects will have the full rights of citizenship, and European governments will not be able to deport them to Pakistan or Tunisia, or elsewhere, as the U.K. and Italian governments, for example, do today.

Muslim associations and European governments will exchange court cases and victories: A new generation of human rights lawyers will undercut the widespread practice of identity spot checks, even as governments gain new detention powers. Caught between the two, across Europe, will be thousands of new domestic intelligence agents of Muslim origin. Like the Italian-American FBI agents and district attorneys who helped cripple the Mafia in America's cities, Muslim European agents will help their respective states infiltrate and dismantle violent extremist networks. Police forces and Muslim communities will become increasingly interdependent, and the first Muslim prefects and commissioners will be appointed in a number of European cities. Security agencies in Germany and elsewhere will drop their objections to the formation of Muslim political parties, concentrating instead on remaining well informed of their ambitions.

Meanwhile, the naturalization of Muslim terrorism within Europe will increase fears of a fifth column. In Denmark, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom, elected officials will propose laws requiring referendums on mosque construction and put forth proposals for mass deportation of illegal migrants from Muslim countries.

EVEN SO, THE NUMBER OF MOSQUES WILL CONTINUE to increase across the continent, so that by 2030 the ratio of Muslims to prayer spaces will be more in line with the ratio of Jews and Catholics to synagogues and churches. Both the funding and personnel for the new prayer spaces will come largely from abroad, increasingly channeled through European national Muslim associations. Europe will be a generation away from a fully native-born and locally trained imam corps, but a slight majority of imams will have received supplemental civic training through national integration programs (and some of them will serve as chaplains in Europe's prisons). In every European country, the government will have created national and regional Islamic councils on a par with existing arrangements for addressing the religious affairs of Jews, Catholics, Protestants, and other faith groups; indeed, the process of putting these in place is nearly completed.

The overwhelming majority of fourth- and fifth-generation Muslims in France, Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, and elsewhere will settle into a minority group identity, referring to themselves as "European Muslims," socializing and engaging in organized political activities across borders. Relations will be tense between the established Muslim community and the steady stream of first-generation labor migrants from Turkey and North Africa, some of whom will create their own prayer spaces where they can freely speak their native tongues.

The greatest commonality across the European nations' Muslim populations will be the entrenched divisions they all contain. Country of origin will remain a good predictor of religious practice and politics, although, increasingly, intermarriage between ethnicities (Turkish/Kurdish, Arab/Berber) and nationalities (Turkish/German, Moroccan/Algerian) and between Muslims and non-Muslims will confound categorization. The biggest internal community conflict will be over the role of religion in public life, pitting "political" Islam's staunch anti-modernists against Muslims loyal to some form of "embassy" Islam, whose institutions have been nurtured and frequently financed by countries of origin.

These two strains will persist and indeed grow stronger. In most cities, there will be the "Turkish mosque," the "Pakistani mosque," the "Moroccan mosque," and the "Islamist mosque," and rarely if ever will the twain meet.

In opinion polls in 2030, nearly all European Muslims

will say that they fast during Ramadan and that they will make a pilgrimage to Mecca in their lifetimes. Mosques on Fridays will not be quite as empty as Catholic and Protestant pews on Sundays but, like churches, Islamic houses of worship will do their briskest trade on the holiest days of the year. Eid al Adha (the Festival of Sacrifice) and Eid al Fitr (the Festival of Fast-breaking) will be on their way to becoming official holidays in nearly all EU countries that have significant Muslim minorities.

There will, however, be nothing resembling a pan-European *ummah* (Muslim community), at least not yet. A European Fatwa Council will be created by European Muslims to interpret Islamic law and replace the hodge-podge of Internet imams and pay-as-you-go fatwas (legal rulings). This council will receive endorsements from religious authorities in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Algeria but will not enjoy full legitimacy. It will aim to achieve the respect of the faithful over time.

LOOKING AT THE SKYLINE OF SMALL-TOWN EUROPE in 2030, it will be hard to recall the virulence with which activist groups fought mosque construction just decades earlier. Muslim terrorism will have faded as the driving force behind policy making with respect to Muslim concerns. As a result, the issue of integration will be put on a back burner, where it will benefit from being talked about less. Muslim leaders in 2030 will honor the groundbreakers of an earlier generation—including Wolfgang Schäuble, Giuseppe Pisanu, Jack Straw, Prince Charles, Pierre Joxe, Jean-Pierre Chevènement, and Nicolas Sarkozy—who asserted that Muslims are a permanent component of European societies, at a time when it was politically costly to do so. Those statesmen will be memorialized in the cornerstones of large central mosques and the dedication pages of locally printed Korans across the continent.

In 2030, decades will have passed since a great minaret went up over Oxford, fulfilling the 18th-century historian Edward Gibbon's prophesy. Every capital city in Europe will have its own showcase mosque, or one in the planning stages. Those domes and towers will not be perceived as a threat to European civilization and its Christian roots. As the 20th-century French scholar Jacques Berque foretold, just as a distinctive North African Islam and an Indonesian Islam developed over time, so too will an Islam of Europe have germinated and begun to grow. ■

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# Work in progress

## Photographs by Lee Pellegrini

Two days after the University's 133rd Commencement on May 18, 2009, four dozen men and women from departments across the University and a number of outside firms met around a large rectangle of conference tables in the Murray Room to begin preparations for the 2010 Commencement, 369 days (and nearly 40 meetings, or sub-meetings) hence. Attendees compiled a list of key tactical issues, from bus choreography at the satellite parking areas to rain contingencies (2009 had been a raw and wet event). "Next time," noted Mary Lou DeLong, University secretary, chair of the Commencement committee, and a veteran of 26 commencements, "we have to control the chairs"—a reference to furniture borrowed from the VIP suites on the day of the ceremony. Dining Services was rethinking how to handle the post-Baccalaureate Mass buffet on O'Neill Plaza after some 7,000 hungry people arrived within 50 minutes last year; and discussions were underway with the city of Newton to assure a day off for the municipal road crew scheduled to resurface Commonwealth Avenue on May 24, 2010.

The biggest change for Commencement 2010, however, was already more than a year in the planning, with the go-ahead coming from University President William P. Leahy, SJ,

OPPOSITE: A worker checks the superstructure of the roof for the main stage. Fully assembled, it will be covered in maroon and white fabric and will stand 30 feet high.







OPPOSITE, TOP: With three weeks to go, Mary Lou DeLong (center, back to camera) chairs a May 3 meeting of the Commencement committee in the Murray Room. BOTTOM: DeLong talks with John Tommaney, director of emergency management and preparedness, at the start of a May 17 review by bus of satellite parking and deployment plans for University, local, and state police. ABOVE, LEFT: Fred Hinckley, Jr., applies a coat of stain to podiums to be used during Commencement events. RIGHT: Setting out chairs in Alumni Stadium—the new, three-part stage design prompted a revised seating plan, which required lengthening all wooden tracks.

"even before Commencement 2009," according to DeLong: It would entail a complete redesign of the physical frame of the University ceremony, specifically the dais on which festivities take place in Alumni Stadium, the subject of countless families' photographs, where the University's honorands and leaders convene.

The same wooden platform and awning arrangement had been erected annually for the past 15 years, and its shortcomings had long been apparent. The stage was cramped and dark at the rear, the sight lines were poor, and, most important, it couldn't hold the faculty, whom senior administrators felt belonged on the stage but whose seats were on the field at either side. Dominated visually by a white awning, it lacked Boston College's emblems and colors. There was a need for "something distinctive, on a larger scale," says DeLong, "suitable to the size of the stadium and the significance of the day."

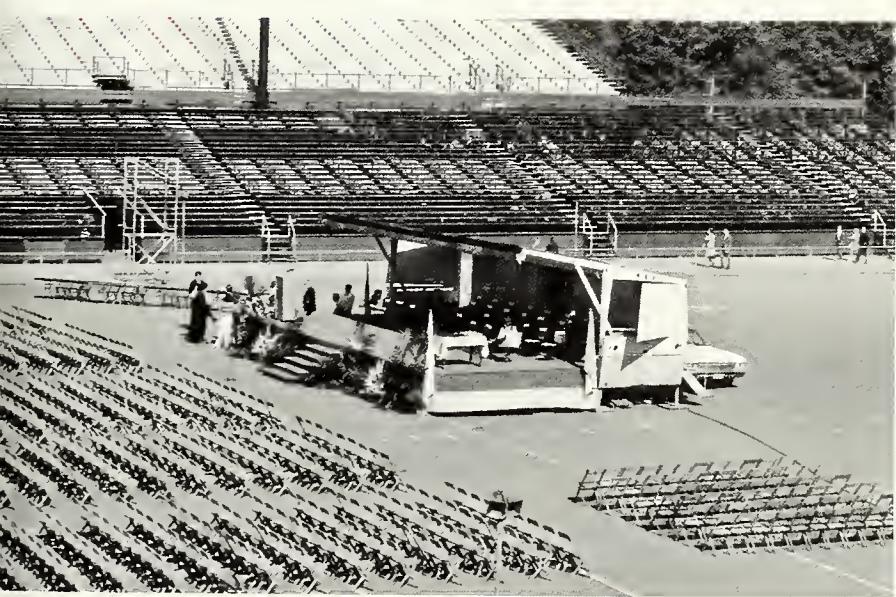
Even so, the modest 15-year-old structure had itself been a sign of progress when introduced. It had superseded a flatbed trailer, which would be driven to the 40-yard line where its sides were folded down to create the stage. David Early, director of the University's Bureau of Conferences, recalls a harrowing moment during one Boston



ABOVE, TOP ROW, LEFT: Boston Hall, the site, in 1877, of the first Boston College Commencement. RIGHT: In 1915, the University conferred 76 degrees in its third year on the Chestnut Hill campus. BOTTOM ROW, LEFT: The 1919 Commencement on Alumni Field, now the Dustbowl, had a war-reduced graduating class of 85. RIGHT: In 1928, Cardinal William Henry O'Connell presented an honorary degree to philanthropist Mary Werner Roberts (kneeling). OPPOSITE, TOP: The 1938 Commencement also celebrated the 75th anniversary of the University's founding. MIDDLE ROW, LEFT: The 1952 Commencement was one of the last to take place on middle campus (Alumni Stadium would open in 1957). RIGHT: Close-up of the stage in 1960, when opera singer Marian Anderson and Robert F. Kennedy were honorands. BOTTOM LEFT: In 1977, the stage unfolded from a flatbed trailer. RIGHT: The stage in 2006, when Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was the speaker.

College Commencement (he has seen 36, so far) when the hydraulics at one end of the trailer lost pressure, causing the platform to begin tilting. Quick shoring with blocks of wood by University workers averted a pileup of the rich and famous.

In 1877, the inaugural Commencement had taken place in Boston College Hall, the auditorium in the school's first building, on Harrison Avenue in Boston's South End. (Prior to 1877 there were "exhibitions" of students' achievements but no formal commencements.) Events had run for three consecutive nights: The first evening, June 26, featured lectures on pneumatics ("the physical properties of the air we breath," explained the program) and acoustics ("the sonorous wave"), capped by a demonstration of "Bell's telephone." The following night, members of the sophomore class presented the Latin drama *Philedonus, or the Romance of a Rich Young Man*. On the final night, as the *Boston Daily Globe* reported, students debated the question, "Which is the best form of government?" (Democracy won.) Governor Alexander H. Rice addressed the audience, then University President Robert Fulton, SJ, presented Bachelor of Arts degrees to 10 students.







OPPOSITE, TOP: The bleachers behind the stage are draped in dark mesh fabric to reduce glare for the facing audience and graduates. BOTTOM: Workers prepare to raise one of two 2,000-lb. speaker units planned for the towers on either side of the main stage. ABOVE, LEFT: University hosts, primarily staff volunteers, at their May 20 orientation in Conte Forum. RIGHT: As guests begin to arrive at Alumni Stadium for the 2010 ceremonies, Russ Ventura of the Career Center unpacks programs.

The staging for the 2010 Commencement, an event that involved 3,500 degree recipients and some 18,000 guests, was designed by Keith Ake in the Office of Marketing Communications (also a designer for this magazine). It comprised a central platform for senior administrators, trustees, and honorands that is 40 feet wide and 28 feet deep, with a roof 33 feet above, flanked by two slightly larger stages to accommodate faculty. (Originally conceived as a single large structure, the plan quickly morphed into a triptych.) In all, the footprint was three times larger than the previous version. Constructed of webbed aluminum girders, the framework resembled a massive erector set before being wrapped in "DuPont Type 66 Bright Nylon Solarmax" maroon bunting.

Beginning on the Tuesday prior to the ceremony, the three modules were assembled, on-site, with finishing touches applied Saturday—except for one of the two University shields meant to hang on the stage backdrop. It was missing and had to be couriered from the fabricator in Tennessee to Ake's home that night and installed Sunday morning.

Dressed in University-hued, maroon and gold mesh vinyl fabric (the material provides the appearance of a solid backdrop while allowing airflow, to avoid flapping), the entire



ABOVE: The Commencement command center in Conte Forum. OPPOSITE: After more than a year's planning and a week's construction, the 134th Commencement takes to the stage.

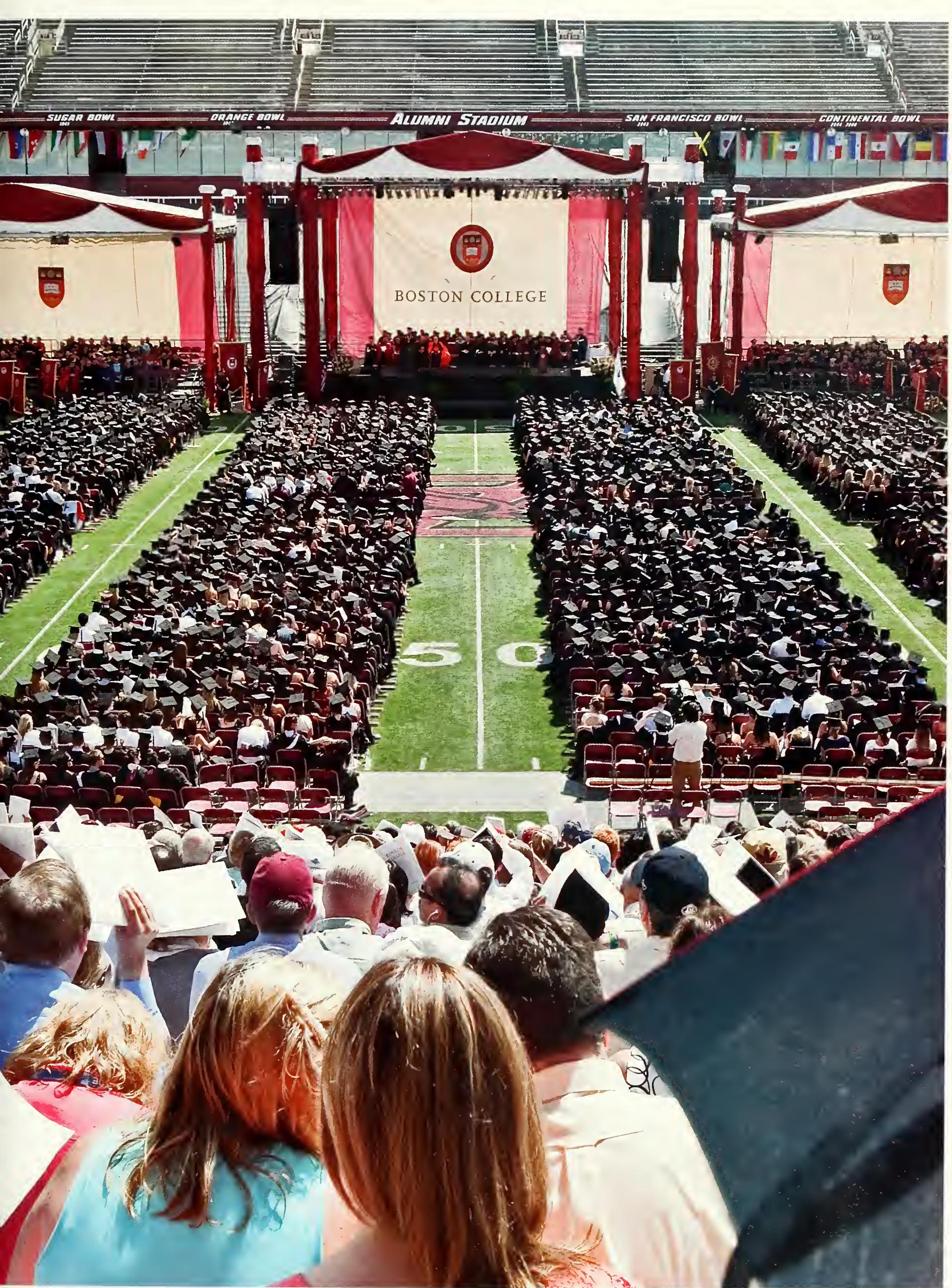
structure was anchored by a long row of barrels containing 30,000 pounds of water. It stayed put through the ceremony.

Two days after the 134th Commencement, the 2010 committee met for a postmortem: One student had been reported missing, but campus police found him asleep in a friend's room and ferried him to Alumni Stadium in time. Campus Police Captain Margaret Connolly reported several cranky exchanges during dorm move out, probably triggered by the 82-degree temperature. Michael Kann of Dining Services announced a count of 19,000 bottles of water distributed in Alumni Stadium and 1,200 gallons at the individual events on middle campus. A special cache of 15,000 rain ponchos purchased by DeLong was never called into action. Transportation had run smoothly, the ceremony in Alumni Stadium was but minutes off schedule, and the new stage had served. The ponchos went into storage.

—Thomas Cooper



Highlights from the 134th Commencement Day, captured by four graduating seniors with video cameras, can be viewed at Full Story, [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).



"had good luck and I got home  
 after dinner at the convenience  
 store. Went up to the corner house  
 to buy cashews. Then took  
 train afterwards. Early so we  
 went to a fire. Then to O'Farrell's  
 Dress Rehearsal with Miss Z.  
 Walked to the Hotel with Miss Z.  
 Saturday: Boat with Clerks  
 and Ride, & Samuels, &  
 Samuel Hale Market.  
 Sunday: - Breakfast at hotel  
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# *Missing Lucile*

A WOMAN'S SEARCH FOR THE LOST MOTHER  
OF HER LOST FATHER

BY SUZANNE BERNE

**O**NE AFTERNOON IN THE SUMMER OF 2005, WHILE I WAS VISITING at her house on Cape Cod, my mother handed me a tin box embossed with Victorian-style cupids that had once held a fruitcake. "Here," she said. "I found this at the back of a shelf when I was going through boxes in the garage. I think it belongs to you."

She was wearing a bathing suit while cleaning out the garage, a blue-flowered affair; my mother is in her seventies, and her confidence in bathing suits is still remarkable. I

should mention that she was very beautiful when my father met her in the office of my uncle's advertising agency, where she was the secretary. So beautiful that during their honeymoon at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Marlon Brando, who was staying there while he filmed *Mutiny on the Bounty*,

OPPOSITE: Mementos from the life of Lucile Kroger Berne

saw her on the beach building a sand castle and offered to help. My father was reading in a beach chair. My mother and Marlon Brando built their sand castle and chatted for a bit; then he asked if she'd like to take a shower with him, at which point my father prudently put down his book and got out of his chair.

So I was complimenting my mother on her bathing suit that afternoon in the garage a few summers ago, and not really looking at what she was handing me, until I got back inside the house. It was a tin manufactured in Germany, made to look old, but not old. I'd had it in my room all through adolescence, though I rarely opened its hinged lid. Still, I recall considering that fruitcake tin one of my significant possessions. In it I had placed a few odds and ends I'd taken away with me from my grandfather's attic after he died in 1973, items that I'd left behind when I moved out of my mother's house a year after she and my father divorced. Until that afternoon when I lifted the lid and caught a whiff of cork, I had not thought of my grandfather's attic in over 20 years.

So much had transpired since then to make me forget it, including my father's remarriage, and my own wedding,

sense.) Worse, none of his children got on with his new wife. She thought we were selfish, and at the time, he agreed with her. Maybe we were. Though that's not how I remember it; more that we were rather too anxious to please. In any case, my father had a long history of blaming his troubles on whoever, at the moment, seemed to be causing them, and for the moment it was all of us. So he vanished.

My brother maintained occasional contact with him and would periodically report that my father was in Richmond, or Ocean City, or Chapel Hill. What he was doing seemed as provisional as where he was living. Running a T-shirt shop; planning to start a bakery; learning massage techniques. Now I can see that he was a man marked by terrors and doubts, which he was trying to erase, even at the risk of rubbing himself out. But of course I did not see that then, and even if I had it wouldn't have made much difference.

During those eight years I pretended not to miss my father, but I saw him in any tallish bespectacled gray-haired man who walked with his fists cocked backward and his shoulders rounded forward. At a rest stop in Utah, on a San Francisco street corner overlooking the bay, in a dingy Cambridge laundry with a gray linoleum floor. One brilliant

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which my father did not attend, and the weddings of my two younger sisters, which he didn't attend either, and the births of my children, whom he scarcely knew. It's a strange story, what happened to us, and I tell it here not in the spirit of recrimination, but of explanation: Soon after I left college my father disappeared. For eight years, I did not have an address for him or a telephone number. Various reasons contributed to his disappearance. After their divorce, he and my mother argued over money. He meanwhile had lost a lot of it, though not to her; he was always incompetent with money, which he never seemed to understand except as a way to get out of things he did not want to do, a problematic attitude compounded by extravagance—he loved to give generous presents—and unwise investments, like buying a herd of Black Angus cattle that almost immediately contracted hoof-and-mouth disease. (My mother, on the other hand, who had grown up poor, had excellent business

afternoon I saw him in Monte Carlo, where I had stopped for a day with my husband a few years before we were married, on a trip from Italy to Spain. My father was reading the paper at a little green metal table in an outdoor cafe. Beside the table sat a lemon tree in an orange clay pot. People in sunglasses walked back and forth on the sidewalk, on their way to the beach or the casinos. I can still see him so clearly: his large shapely hand holding up the newspaper, sunlight shining hotly on the green metal tabletop and along the glossy dark leaves of the lemon tree. I am still stunned when the paper lowers and the face behind it belongs to a stranger.

More time passed. Slowly my father reappeared, coming gradually into focus like a figure in a Polaroid print. I was living outside of Boston by then. He called a few times. He made a few brief visits. Very awkward visits, which demanded courage on his part. His marriage ended; the calls and visits increased. Yet despite sincere efforts on

his part to make amends, which I appreciated but found hard to accept, there wasn't much left between us. We no longer had friends or acquaintances in common—most of them had fallen away after his second divorce; and family was a subject to be avoided, since he was barely speaking to most of my sisters, or they to him, and he certainly wasn't speaking to my mother, whom he blamed for their divorce, though he had left her for another woman. I couldn't refer to him as "my father" without feeling slightly false. It wasn't a term that quite applied to him, something he seemed to feel even more strongly than I did.

Seeing me with my children, for instance, did not prompt his memories of being a parent, only memories of himself as a child and the parenting he hadn't received. When we spoke on the phone, our conversations inevitably reverted to his sad childhood, perhaps because he sensed it was the one part of his life that continued to exert an almost tidal pull on me. The bad nanny, the weak father, the careless aunts and uncles. But most of all the missing mother who died when he was a little boy and had never really loved him. As if the entire middle period of his life, the years between being a child and an elderly man, had never existed.

Though he was clearly lonely and wanted to talk, I dreaded those calls. I let the answering machine pick up for me, and when I did pick up the phone myself it would often be at a time when I knew I'd have to leave soon to fetch the children from school or a play date. The back of my throat would start to ache. When I hung up, I felt guilty and sad, ashamed of my unwillingness to give him what he was calling for, which was reassurance that he was not alone in the world, but also deeply furious. Why should I feel sorry for him? He was the one who had vanished.

**S**O MUCH HAD TRANSPired, SO MUCH HAD been lost. And yet as I stood there staring at the jumbled contents of that fruitcake tin, it was as if no time had passed at all. There was my grandfather's attic, in all its manifold confusion, still waiting for someone to sort it out.

A complete list of the tin's contents, in no particular order:

1. A small navy-blue leatherbound gilt-edged book stamped TAGEBUCH, or travel diary, which contains 14 pages of a journal that my grandmother Lucile Kroger kept at Wellesley at the beginning of 1911, the last semester of her senior year. Within this journal are also 12 loose notebook page entries, half of them written in French, all that survives of a record she kept of the year she spent in France between 1919 and 1920 as a relief worker with the Wellesley College Reconstruction Unit.

The rest of the *tagebuch*'s pages are blank, save for the

very back of the book which contains several long lists of expenditures, mostly for groceries, dated the month of January, year unknown.

2. Two booklets of postcards she brought back from France, depicting the devastation after the Great War. One of the booklets, *Ruines de Lens*, shows before and after scenes on alternating postcards. A terrible magic trick. On the postcard to the left: a prosperous French boulevard with a vegetable market, a school, rows of tidy brick storefronts. Now the postcard to the right: the same view—except it's a twisted metal gate opening onto piles of dirt and rubble. The other booklet gives postcard views of the stark lunar aftermath of the Battle of the Somme.

3. An olive-drab cardboard packet, a *Kodak Album Classeur* of undeveloped negatives of pictures taken in France, each one neatly identified in my grandmother's handwriting on several pages labeled SUJET at the back of the packet. When I first held these negatives up to the light, I saw that several of them were of a handsome man in uniform. He was identified only as "Brigadier." The other repeated sujet was a big shepherd dog named Wolf.

4. A crumbling black leather scrapbook of snapshots she had taken of friends and family in Cincinnati with her No.2 Brownie box camera and also on a holiday in Michigan, between 1904 and 1905.

5. Her engraved metal bookplate stamp, which reads EX LIBRIS and below that, Lucile I. Kroger, in gothic script. It depicts a cozy library scene with a bench and an enormous stone fireplace and a mantel with framed pictures resting on it, surrounded by leafy trees instead of walls. The Three Bears' reading room.

6. A small bronze French medal with ALSACE engraved in the upper left-hand corner and, below, the embossed profile of a beautiful, stern-faced young woman in an elaborate medieval-looking headdress. On the reverse side, a pair of storks nest on a steep rooftop. A commemorative medal. But what does it commemorate?

7. A battered, annotated copy of Washington Irving's *Life of Oliver Goldsmith*, which Lucile read as a teenager when she attended the Collegiate School for Girls in Washington, D.C. A book that she underlined here and there, occasionally adding penciled comments. This stanza of a poem by the impecunious Goldsmith, written after a gift of some game from his patron, Lord Clare, received her particular attention:

But hang it—to poets, who seldom can eat,  
Your very good mutton's a very good treat;  
Such dainties to them, their health it might hurt;  
*It's like sending them ruffles, when wanting a shirt.*

"Condition of poets in age of changing standards," noted Lucile dutifully in the margin. Alas, she was wrong, the



Lucile Kroger in 1919 or 1920, while serving as a relief worker in France

condition of poets, who are always needing shirts but getting ruffles, never changes much, age to age, which is why Goldsmith italicized that last line. Neither does the condition of collegiate girls, who will always read more dutifully than thoughtfully.

8. A green paper-covered exercise book in which she copied out poems to practice her penmanship, probably in grammar school. It's a collection of remarkable variety, rendered without editorial comment, from "Pitty Pat's Prayer" ("We've a dear little damsel we call / Pitty Pat / She's got a wee kitten she calls / Kitty Cat") all the way to Byron's "The Field of Waterloo" ("Stop! For thy tread is on an empire's dust! / An earthquake's spoil is sepulchred below!").

9. A few gold hatpins and four or five brooches, including her Shakespeare Society pin from Wellesley—a bronze

tragicomic mask with a silver quill pen stuck through one eye—and some little bar pins for holding one's bra straps in place.

10. And finally a silver charm bracelet that has, among its other charms, a tiny matchbook stamped "HOT TIP," a minuscule pack of Chesterfield cigarettes, and a marriage license that opens to reveal the words "State of Bliss."

This is what I have: Snips of historical DNA. Some photographs. A letter. A fruitcake tin embossed with cupids which holds a minute helix of allusions to a long-dead woman who contributed one-quarter of my genetic makeup, along with possible freaks of temperament. Though I wonder if I had more whether I would make less of it.

Actually, it's a sizeable archive in its way, an archive of oddments, things that mattered to Lucile, if only briefly, and

that from the beginning suggested I might discover something meaningful about her if I could only arrange them in the right order. Or perhaps it's more like a crossword puzzle, with hints and riddles as well as blank squares that I would never fill in. Which is as it should be. Every life has its blank squares.

**I**T WAS ALMOST A FULL YEAR BEFORE I DID anything with that packet of negatives. It was late spring and I decided to take the negatives to a camera shop that specialized in archival photographs. When I found out how much it was going to cost to print them, I almost lost my curiosity and left. But I had paid for parking, and the pale young woman with orange spiked hair behind the counter was looking at me expectantly, so I handed her the packet and went home with a wan sense of being about to invest more than I had intended or could really afford.

After I got the negatives printed, I had one print enlarged and framed, and sent it to my father. I was not there when he received this photograph, but knowing his habits, I can imagine the scene.

A sunny, mild afternoon in early October. Wearing a

gray wool cap and his blue windbreaker with the reluctant zipper—which has just cost him several minutes of irritated fumbling—my father takes his cane and ventures out to his mailbox, one of a bank of mailboxes set into the wall of a covered walkway beside the parking lot. Visiting his mailbox is an event in his day, so it is with modest but real ceremony that he opens the little brass mailbox door with his key. To his surprise, instead of the usual assortment of bills that he will put off paying, then forget about, his mailbox holds a padded manila envelope, which he pulls out along with a few circulars. On the way back to his apartment he pauses to look up and admire, as he always does, the European larch that grows outside the entrance to his section of the apartment complex. A light breeze kicks up the slender leaves of the larch tree.

Back in his darkened living room he parks his cane against the sofa and struggles once more with the zipper on his windbreaker, then takes off his cap. Freed at last, he opens the flap of the envelope cautiously and draws out a large framed photograph, which he brings close to the window to examine. The Levolor blinds on the window are dusty. Several minutes later he is still standing by the window, staring through slatted light at the face that stares back at him. A faint chord sounds in the distance, a doorbell ringing in another apartment.

**T**HE PHOTOGRAPH IS OF LUCILE STANDING alone, wearing a smart-looking high-belted black wool suit and a black felt hat that is not especially flattering. A bit of a breeze has caught in her skirt. On her feet are sturdy black oxfords. Her hands hang at her sides as if she's standing at attention, though there's a convivial slouch to her shoulders. Behind her, leaning against the plank wall, is a rifle. She is smiling with good-humored impatience, the slightly challenging, evasive look of someone who knows she is not particularly photogenic, who knows that she will be misunderstood in some essential way by the camera and

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still cares enough to find this regrettable. Who knows, also, not to be disconcerted by the presence of a rifle.

But there's a complicity in that smile as well, hinted in the amusement playing about the corners of her mouth, a qualified assent to something that's just been said or to a question just asked.

*All right go ahead, that smile seems to say. Go ahead and take my picture.*

*If you can. ■*

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The Catholic South rises

THE JESUIT THEOLOGIAN KARL Rahner once said that, in the long run, the importance of the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s is that it marked the emergence of Catholicism as a self-consciously global family of faith. Rahner was making a kind of theological argument. What I want to argue is that Catholic demography in the early 21st century confirms empirically what Rahner contended theologically.

At the dawn of the 20th century, there were 266 million Catholics in the world, of whom 200 million lived in Europe and North America and just 66 million (25 percent) lived on the rest of the planet, principally in Latin America. In other words, roughly a hundred years ago, the demographic profile of the Catholic Church was essentially what it was at the time of the Council of Trent in 1545—overwhelmingly white and First World.

By the year 2000, the balance had shifted. With 1.1 billion Catholics in the world, almost 66 percent of them lived in what is loosely referred to as “the South” (including Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific islands). Roll the clock forward to 2050, and the projection is that the South’s share of Catholics will rise to 75 percent—a figure that sums up the most rapid and profound transformation of Catholic demography in 2,000 years of Church history. The period we are living through now is comparable to that moment in the first century when St. Paul left Palestine for Damascus, Greece, and Rome, thereby transforming primitive Christianity from a sect within Palestinian Judaism to a religious movement.

The question is: As southern Catholics inevitably and increasingly set the tone for the Church, what is Catholicism in



African bishops and cardinals attend Mass at the conclusion of their synod in Rome, October 25, 2009.

the 21st century going to be like? For one thing, Catholics in the global South—from bishops to clergy to laity—will seem to European and American eyes fairly traditional on matters of sexual morality and fairly progressive on just about everything else. On abortion, gay rights, gender roles, and the family, there is a consensus in the southern Catholic Church, as in southern cultures generally, that is markedly conservative. To see how that has played out so far in a different Christian context, consider the Anglican communion today, in which liberal Anglican churches in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada are pressing ahead with the blessing of same-sex unions and the ordination of openly gay bishops and meeting ferocious resistance from the Anglican constituency in the South, particularly in Africa. With 41 million of the 79 million Anglicans in the world now living in Africa (and

with more practicing Anglicans living in Nigeria than in Great Britain), we can see which way the winds blow on these issues.

However, change the subject from culture wars to other issues—the ethics of free market global capitalism, war and peace, race relations, the environment, the arms race—and a consensus becomes apparent across southern Catholicism that by western standards seems liberal, and even progressive. (It bears noting, though, that this division of humanity into liberals and conservatives is a northern taxonomy. Such categories don't occur to most people in the South.) Since the United States-led incursion into Iraq in March 2003, I have interviewed some 300 Catholic bishops in the South, and I have not found one who isn't convinced that the invasion failed the Catholic Church's tests for a just war.

Further complicating this picture is the

fact that the ethos of Catholicism in the South is heavily biblical and supernatural. It is tied less to abstract scholastic theology and more to the Bible's narrative universe and world-view, particularly the Old Testament and the Synoptic Gospels. Miracles, revelations, exorcisms, demonic combat—all of which in western culture can seem quaint or arcane or off-putting—are part of the routine of spiritual life in the South. The supernatural is close. People sense it. And they live in lively expectation that it is going to erupt in their daily experience.

This has practical consequences. How do you address health care, for instance, in a culture where the default interpretation of illness is not merely physical cause and effect but also the operation of malign spirits? Treating the physical source without attention to the spiritual realm in which healing must also take

place will address only half the problem. Increasingly, the palpable nearness of the supernatural will be woven into the fabric of Catholicism in the 21st century.

CATHOLIC LEADERS IN THE SOUTH see competition for souls arising from a different source than do their northern counterparts. In western Europe, and on the East Coast of the United States, we habitually think that the Church's major competitor is secularism. But often in the South, you have to look hard to find a secularist. Secularism simply does not have a serious sociological footprint outside of the West. The reality in most of the world is the competitive dynamic of a flourishing religious marketplace. The typical Catholic bishop in sub-Saharan Africa, or in Southeast Asia, or in most of Latin America is worried about losing people to Christian Pentecostalism. In some parts of sub-Saharan Africa, new iterations of indigenous religions also raise concern. And in parts of India, militant nationalist Hinduism is a perceived threat.

Most people around the world do not choose between belief and disbelief. Rather, they shop for the particular brand of religion that suits them best. The Catholic Church in the South is not, in the main, fighting abstract intellectual battles. It is fighting pastoral battles. Southern bishops' primary concern is that the Pentecostals are doing a better job of holding midweek prayer nights and organizing youth ministries. The focus of southern Catholicism for the foreseeable future is likely to be at this practical level.

ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS population division, 90 percent of the world's people under 14 years of age live in the South. If there is one defining characteristic of southern Catholicism, that is it. I have been to eight countries in sub-Saharan Africa, and I have visited many a Catholic parish out in the bush. Most of the time, when you attend Sunday Mass in such places, you are not sure if you are in a church or a daycare center. Kids are literally hanging from the rafters.

Young people tend to inject a sense of optimism, a vision of the future taking shape. And so there is a shared outlook among southern Catholic leaders—among

bishops and clergy, members of religious communities, theologians, and the laity. They are convinced that their historical time has come.

To appreciate the significance of this view, one need only compare the synod of African bishops convened in 1994 to the one that took place 15 years later, in October 2009. In 1994, the African bishops went to Rome essentially to get instructions from the home office. They returned last year in a markedly different spirit, aware of their role in the part of the world where the Church is growing most rapidly, and ready to engage in conversa-

tion about the Church's future. There is now a determination in the global South to set the tone for the Church. The southern moment has arrived. ■

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# Know each other

By Bishop Richard J. Sklba

The last 40 years of Christian-Jewish relations

**I**N 1965, THE SECOND VATICAN Council's *Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions* (*Nostra Aetate*) represented a remarkable reversal of the Catholic Church's teachings on Judaism—from what theologians characterized as a “teaching of contempt” for Judaism to one of respect in view of “the spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews.”

With this reversal gradually came public apologies, the cleansing of catechetical materials, invitations for dialogue to better understand each other's truth, and the search for concrete ways to link Christians and Jews in service to the larger community. For Catholics, the journey has entailed the recognition that the Church cannot truly be Christian without accepting its Jewish roots and inherently Jewish character. There is thus a certain asymmetry in the new relationship, as Rome's chief rabbi, Riccardo Di Segni, has noted: “The Christian cannot do without Israel; the Jew, in his faith, must do without Christ.”

The Jewish community has been responsive to the Church's efforts and

also wary. Many times over the past two millennia, periods of tolerance have blossomed into mutual respect and then shifted into intolerance and persecution.

Recent events have, in fact, evinced concern among both Jewish and Catholic leaders. For example, the Church's 2008 revision of the Good Friday prayers in the 1962 Latin Missal, already scrubbed of the phrase “*pro perfidis Judaeis*”—a reference to Jewish “perfidy”—reintroduced the problematic notion of conversion: “Let us pray for the Jews,” the text now reads, “that they may acknowledge Jesus Christ, the Savior of all men.”

The conversion issue surfaced again in 2009, with publication, by a committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), of a “Note on Ambiguities Contained in ‘Reflections on Covenant and Mission.’” The original “Reflections,” written by a bishops' advisory group and published on the USCCB website in 2002, had concluded that targeting Jews for conversion was “no longer theologically acceptable.” But in their clarification, published in July 2009, the bishops chose

instead to stress that for Catholics Christ fulfills “the special relationship that God established with Israel.” They continued: “Though Christian participation in interreligious dialogue would not normally include an explicit invitation to baptism and entrance into the church, the Christian dialogue partner is always giving witness to the following of Christ, to which all are implicitly invited.” After complaints from U.S. Jewish leaders, that offending sentence was excised. It was an unsuccessful attempt at clarification, to be sure.

A final example of recent tensions—and a highly public one—followed Pope Benedict’s initial conciliatory gesture in 2009 toward four bishops from the Tridentine Society of Pius X Lefebvrite community, when it came to light that one had been a blatant Holocaust denier.

In each instance, we might explain the intentions and the human errors involved, or clarify the inner Catholic controversies. But the fact remains that the composite of such examples leads to legitimate concern about the possibility of yet another return to intolerance, hostility, and persecution.

We now have some serious inside-Catholic, or inside-Christian, issues to resolve, and our Jewish partners in dialogue need to understand them and be patient with us. For example, we need to find a way to maintain both our commitment to seeing Judaism as an irrevocably valid, enduring witness to God’s action, and our Christian conviction that Christ is the agent of universal redemption. Or, relatedly, Christians must harmonize the sayings of Paul to the Romans, which declare that “the gifts and the calling of God [to the Jews] are irrevocable” with an apparent claim of the Epistle to the Hebrews that Christians have superseded Jews in God’s plan of salvation—without dismissing either. (*Nostra Aetate* virtually ignored the Epistle to the Hebrews.)

It would signify growing maturity in our relationship if Christians and Jews came to understand such intracommunity dynamics for what they are—theological problems that require time and imagination—and did not read into contemporary theological disputation a desire, by the Church, to roll back advances made since Vatican II. That, however, is a challenge not easily sorted out, especially in the

glow of the media. Another sign of interreligious maturity will be when, as we deal with our own problems, we remain alert to how people who do not share our history might misunderstand us.

Marriage counselors tell us that one test of a healthy marriage is how a couple argues. An argument, addressed seriously, can signify a commitment to coming to grips with something that matters. Similarly, serious disagreements between communities can be healthy and even beneficial. We must care enough to argue.

This type of clarity in communication began during Vatican II, when Jewish guest observers were encouraged to offer reactions to proposed documents or to debates on the Council floor. The public response from Jewish leaders to the bishops’ “Note on Ambiguities,” signed by four major American Jewish synagogue organizations and the Anti-Defamation League, was similarly healthy, in addition to being careful, pointed, and, at least in my judgment, angry. “The new statement,” wrote the Jewish leaders, “espouses a view of the objective of Jewish-Christian dialogue that threatens the mutuality and efficaciousness of the entire project.” The letter demonstrated a new level of confidence that we can speak to each other in that tone and with that level of authority.

One thing we have learned from these years of dialogue is the requirement of knowing each other accurately. Vatican II’s *Decree on Ecumenism* (1964), which addressed the Church’s relationship with other Christian churches and denominations, pointed out as a first principle the obligation to “avoid expressions, judgments, and actions which do not represent [the other] with truth and fairness and so make mutual relations . . . more difficult.” That means never to presume we can explain the others’ belief without using their words, citing their traditions, and ensuring the accuracy of our references. Documents and statements from the Holy See and the USCCB have repeatedly given directives on how to preach and teach correctly about Judaism and events of the New Testament. (For example, in 2004, the USCCB published *The Bible, the Jews and the Death of Jesus: A Collection of Catholic Documents*, as a response to the Mel Gibson film *The Passion of the Christ*.)

The various centers for Jewish-Christian understanding at Catholic universities and theological institutes provide another vehicle to advance this understanding.

Once we appreciate each other’s religious traditions and practices correctly, we will be better able to grasp that what may appear as resistance to interreligious understanding may be in fact a very different reality. Consider the understandable pressure for the Holy See to recognize the State of Israel diplomatically. We can easily overlook the fact that the Holy See only entered into full diplomatic relations with the United States in 1984, more than two centuries after the American Revolution—and even then, against the wishes of the American episcopate. It occurred at the insistence of the Reagan administration, which wanted a formal relationship with the Vatican so as to be able to circumvent or influence, through Rome, the American Catholic bishops’ moral critique of U.S. economic and military policies.

As to the question posed by this conference—whether this or any other era is a “golden age” of Jewish-Christian relations—a judgment here must be tentative, especially after only 40-plus years of Vatican II influence. The number 40, however, is significant in biblical lore: the 40 years of Israel in the desert, the 40 days of Moses on Mount Sinai, Elijah’s 40-day journey to Mount Horeb, the 40 days of Jesus in the desert, or his 40 days of life with his disciples after the Resurrection. In all these cases, “40” presages a period of grace and preparation for a new action or revelation of God. It may well be that these years since *Nostra Aetate* have been a time of preparation for a new beginning in Christian-Jewish relations, a better beginning than we made of it the first time, two millennia ago. ■

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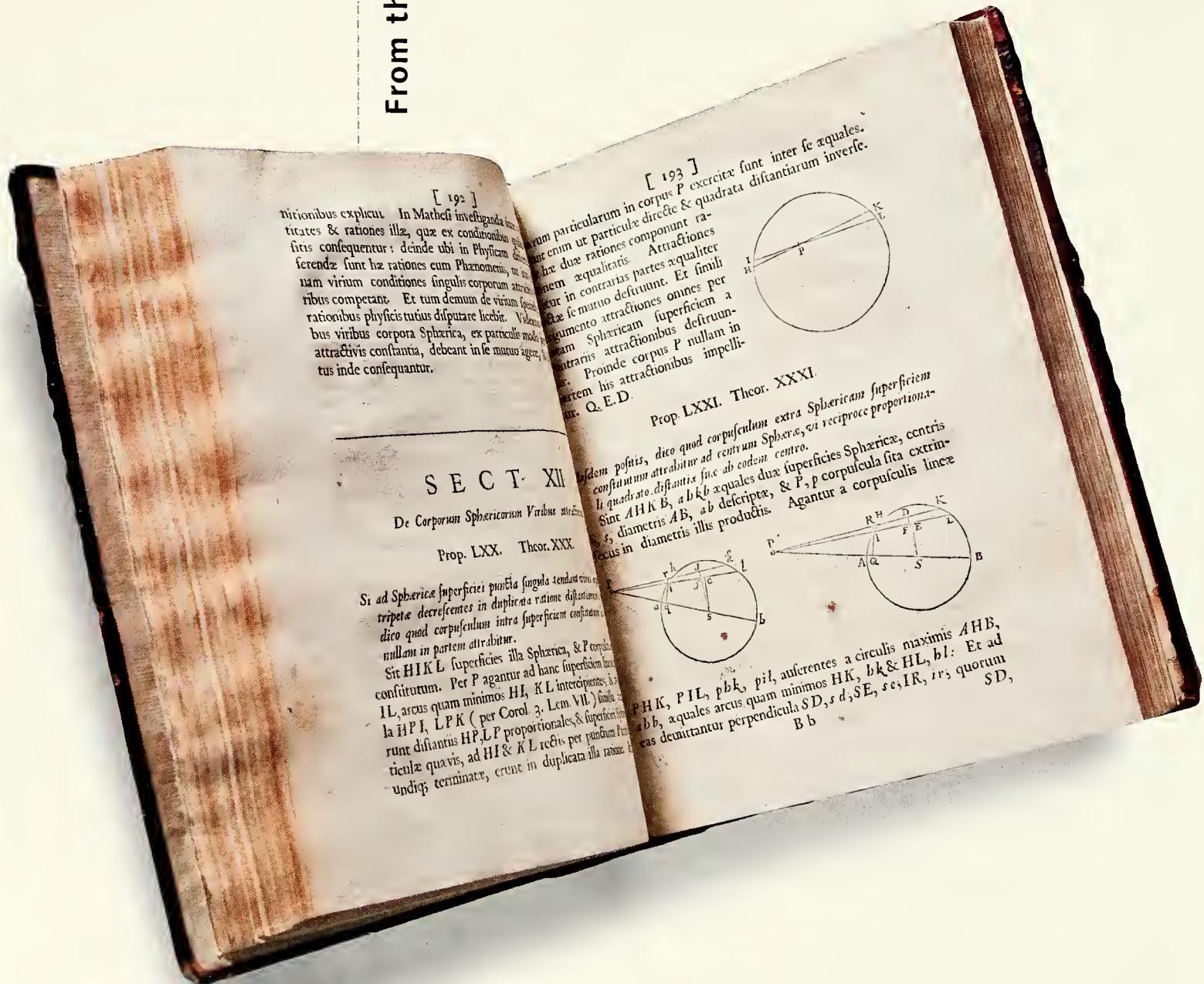
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Sir Isaac Newton's groundbreaking work on classical mechanics, *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica* ("Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy"), was first published in London in 1687. In it, Newton (1642–1727), a Cambridge University mathematics professor, expounded the laws of motion and universal gravitation. Albert Einstein declared *Principia* to be "perhaps the greatest intellectual stride that it has ever been granted to any man to make." This 10-inch-tall volume, from the initial printing of 250 copies, was acquired by the Burns Library from an antiquarian bookseller in January.





Dock workers, East Coast (date unknown)

## SCALAWAG DAYS

*By Jim Cotter '59 with Paul Kenney*

**Coming of age on the waterfront**

I WAS BORN IN 1937 AND GREW UP IN A SIX-DECKER IN the Boston neighborhood of Dorchester, in the section of Savin Hill known to the locals as OTB—over the bridge. It was a working-class neighborhood and the only difference, on the OTB side, was we had a large number of single-family homes, which in the 1940s and 1950s were considered quite a luxury.

Back then Savin Hill was the bluest of blue-collar neighborhoods, a tightly packed community of laborers who patronized the local tavern during the week and the parish church on Sunday. The mothers stayed home with their kids, and the fathers took the MTA to work. John Walsh and Mac McCarthy were the only two men I knew who wore suits and ties to their jobs. All the rest were blue-collar. Red Benson worked at a gas station, Buster Connors was a linoleum layer, Frank Kelly was a fireman, Ray Gaudet worked at a factory, Joe Peecha worked at a package store, and Tommy Meehan was a bookie. My father, Les Cotter—5 feet 11 inches, 220 pounds, and a tough son of a gun who could hit like a mule—was a longshoreman.

His father, my Grandpa Cotter, was a veterinarian who had 11 children. One day when my father was still living at home, his youngest brother came running into the house, saying that Uncle Jim had just been beat up by a police officer, a guy with a reputation for being a nasty piece of work. My grandfather told Dad to go down to the corner and “take care of the situation”—and added that he would probably have to get out of town for a while. Dad put the officer in the hospital, and Grandpa Cotter sent him to stay with a former classmate in Washington, D.C., where he had gone to veterinary school. Dad's exile worked out all right, though: He worked on the docks in D.C. and Baltimore for two years, learning the longshoreman's trade, until the incident blew over and he could come back.

At some point Dad became a stevedore—the hiring boss. When a ship came in, it was up to him to organize gangs of workers to unload it. In some ways it was a pretty good deal, because the stevedores were on salary and they got paid whether they worked or not. But if Dad could have had his way, I think he would have

stayed a gang boss. Then you're in charge of your gang, and that's it; there's no responsibility to speak of.

If a ship doesn't get unloaded and out of port in 20 hours, money is lost. After a while the pressure got to Dad; he would start drinking as soon as a ship came in. He just needed a little fortification in him, he'd say. He'd go down to the captain's office for his fortification. The captains knew that without the cooperation of the stevedore, they would never get offloaded on schedule, so they always took good care of him. Many times Dad would be sober when a ship came in and drunk by the time it sailed out.

I was 13 when I started working for my dad. That night a ship had come in carrying bales of wool. To unload wool, you worked

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with a partner: You'd back a two-wheeled cart into a bale, your partner would hook the bale and move it into the cart, and together you'd pull the cart off the boat. We were down at Castle Island unloading for the Moore McCormack Shipping Company, one of the biggest carriers in the area. I was working with a fellow named Benny Leonard. He kept telling me, "I've been away, I've been away," but he never mentioned where he'd been. When the shift ended, I got into my father's car and said, "Dad, Mr. Leonard kept talking about being away. Where was he?" Oh, Dad said offhandedly, he was in jail. "In jail? What did he do?" I asked. "Oh, he killed a guy in a barroom fight." I stared at the ceiling all night long, thinking: I just worked with a murderer.

THE DOCKS HAD THEIR OWN CODES AND THEIR OWN SET of rules. Each stevedore had a certain number of gangs, 22 men to a gang. When a ship was due in, signs would be posted at some of the barrooms in Southie: "Les Cotter has four gangs, show up at eight o'clock on Tuesday morning." Les would go down to the ship to see which men from his gangs had showed up, and then he'd come over to the Army base pier [which, after World War II, had been leased to a commercial operator] to fill any empty slots. The process was called "facing," and it worked just the way it sounds: You faced the stevedore, hoping to be chosen. Les would stand on top of a crate and pick out the men he wanted.

Almost everybody in the first two gangs showed up all the time; they were longshoremen cardholders. The rest of us were scalawags—nonunion. If there were no card men there, or if they turned their backs on Les—if no card men were "facing" him—he could hire scalawags. Later, if any card men didn't come back from lunch, the timekeeper would pick up scalawags at the ship. There would usually be 10 or 12 of them waiting around.

Some of the guys working on the docks were thieves. They were as bad as bank robbers—in fact, some of them were bank robbers. They stole everything they could get their hands on. I remember one day in particular, when my father made me a lander—a worker who puts a load from the boat onto a pallet, lands it on the back of

a tractor, and drives the tractor off the dock. There had just been a dock strike, so a lot of scalawags were working. My father thought there was a U.S. Customs plant on the ship, so he asked me to keep an eye out for guys who might be trying to clip merchandise. Even though Les was tough, he was a champion of the underdog; he wanted me to protect anyone who might get caught. The ship's cargo was windbreakers, those jackets with the little hood and the pouch in the front. We had gotten three or four loads out when I saw Tommy Benson coming up the gangplank with lots of different colored windbreakers sticking out from under his sweatshirt. I bumped into the guy we thought was the plant, almost knocking him off the gangplank to keep him from seeing Benson. This kind

of thing went on all day. At the end of the afternoon we went up to Connors to grab a sandwich and a couple of beers. It was a free-for-all: Guys were yelling, "Hey, give me that red in an extra-large! Toss me that blue in a medium!" They must have had 400 of the things.

Another time, a ship came in with a cargo of expensive Italian shoes. Guys would go down to the hold with flip-flops on and come back up wearing a pair of the new shoes—fancy pointy-toed shoes. Other times we'd unload ships carrying meat, and then guys would come to work in long overcoats and leather jackets, even in the summer. They'd go down to the hold and cut steaks and roasts and stuff them in their pockets. And sometimes the cargo would include cans of tuna fish, which was like gold; back then a lot of people lived off of it. These guys lived hand to mouth, and the pilfering was incredible. That's why the container system eventually came into being.

LIKE MOST FATHERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, MY DAD never had a bank account or owned a home; he didn't want the responsibility. But working on the docks while I was a student at Boston College led indirectly to me buying my first house. I had some time senior year between my final exams, so I went down and faced my father and the other stevedores. One day I was in the very bottom of a ship's hold working on 80-pound bales of peat moss. All day long the winch had been buckling. On the last load it gave way, and one of the bales came crashing down.

When you're in the hold and someone yells "Run!" you don't stop to look up; you run. I ran right into the bale, and it knocked me out cold. I had nothing more than a bad concussion—but four years later I received a check for \$1,500 from the insurance company. The money provided the down payment for the house in Weymouth where I lived with my wife and children for many years. That bale of peat moss was manna from heaven. ■

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# BREAKING IN

Working with Conan, seriously

On April 13, Brian Kiley '83 and Brian McCann '87, both long-term writers for Conan O'Brien's Late Night and Tonight shows, returned to Boston College to talk with students about life in the writers' room and writer's mind. They were interviewed by Julian Kiani '10, an aspiring comedian, and Maggie Rulli '10, host of Boston College's student-run cable news show, Now You Know. At the time of their visit, NBC had already announced its intention to move O'Brien's Tonight to a later time slot, O'Brien had decided not to go along, and the show had ended. What follows are excerpts from McCann's and Kiley's improvised remarks.



Brian McCann '87

**McCann:** I didn't do anything [about a career] while in college. I was very slow to understand the way show business worked. Right after college, I moved back to Chicago, and I got a day job and started doing improv at night and meeting tons of great people and having a great experience.

And [I started] to do standup because I realized improv didn't teach me how to write. It taught me how to perform. But it didn't teach me anything useful as far as selling [material] down the road. I still didn't realize, oh, you had to submit to a show. My strategy was always like, one day, someone will see me on stage, and they'll hire me. And for some reason, I thought it would be Roseanne. I mean, this was a college graduate! That was his plan! Roseanne Barr will see me.

But luckily someone suggested I submit [jokes] to Conan. And I was like, yeah, I guess that does make sense. I worked in advertising for Sears automotive, doing the Sunday flyers that were in your Sunday newspaper: "Muzzler beats Midas." Muzzler was the Sears muffler. That was my job, and it was awful. And then Sears restructured. They were one of the first companies that realized, oh, we're a giant and we can get rid of 90 percent of our workforce and everything's still going to be fine. And so they offered retirement packages to everybody on the floor, because everybody on the floor was like 60 and 70. And I was the first one to [say], "I will take a retirement package." I had been there a year, and the guy was stunned; but they had to offer it to everybody, and so I'm [saying] "Yes, I will take it."

I ended up getting a year and a half of health benefits, and I also got a year of salary, and then I was eligible for six months of

unemployment after that. And I was 23 or 24. And I [thought], if I can't [succeed in comedy] in a year and a half, then I'll go back to Sears. So I did it during that period and started making money, and I guess built my confidence to say, like oh, I could maybe do this until I'm 44.

And then I'll get fired.

**Kiley:** [While at Boston College], I went to a comedy show of Boston comedians at O'Connell House, and one of the comedians was really funny. And I talked to him, because I had written a lot of jokes, because I wanted to be a comedy writer or a comedian. And he basically said, you can't really make any money writing comedy in Boston, so you have to go onstage. And I [thought], oh, I could never do that. But I ended up taking a summer school class at Emerson taught by Denis Leary, and I started doing open mike when I was still in college.

I was able to make a living doing standup. And then Conan started, and somebody got fired at Conan, and some friends of mine who wrote for the show called me and said, well, they're looking for a monologue writer. At the time I did a lot of topical jokes in my act. So I basically typed up 50 jokes from my act and sent them in, and they were like yeah, okay, you start tomorrow. At the time [1994], I was worried about the show being cancelled.

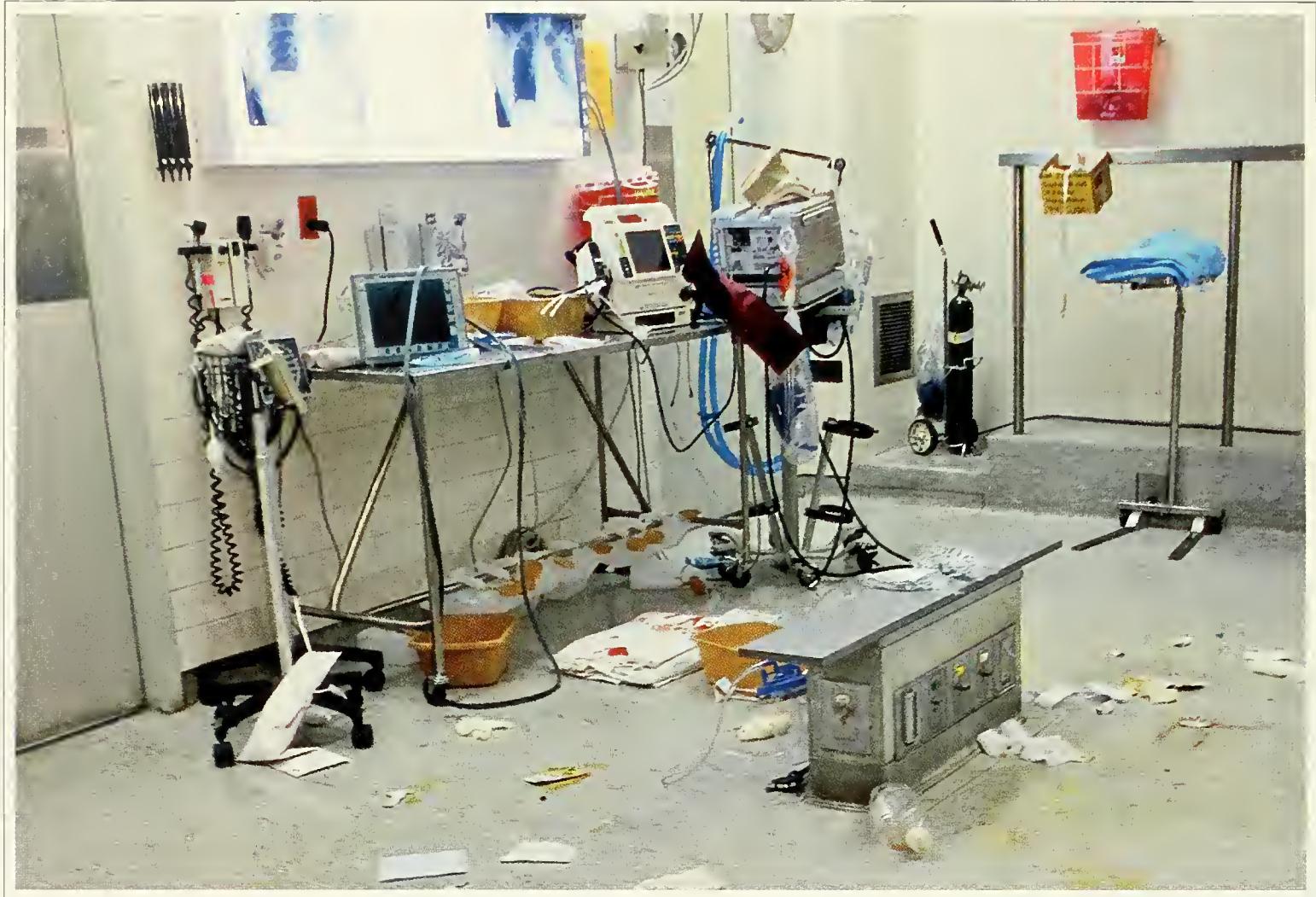
Little did I know, I was right.



Brian Kiley '83



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# COMPLICATIONS

By Atul Gawande, MD

The messy reality of health care costs

I HAD A PATIENT WHO CAME INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM several years ago. It was while I was a resident. I actually wrote about her in my first book. She has stuck in my mind as emblematic of some of the difficulties in trying to make the health care system work well.

She was 86 years old. She had a severe abdominal pain. And I was called to see her about this pain. She described it as being right in the middle of her abdomen and boring straight through into her back. When I put my hands on her belly, I could feel her muscles tense up, because it hurt. And then I could feel a throbbing mass underneath.

I became alarmed, especially when I learned from her that she'd been diagnosed about a month before with an abdominal aortic aneurysm. An aneurysm of the aorta is a weakening of the aorta, to the point that it balloons out, and her aorta was up to three times the size it should be. It can pop, it can rupture like a balloon.

And that's what I was feeling as I pressed on her abdomen, an aneurysm that was about to pop. I called the vascular surgeon on

duty down to see her. He agreed that it was an impending disaster, and I had to tell her that this was an emergency, that her aorta was in trouble, and that in order to save her life, we would have to operate on her. The problem, though, was that the operation was no small matter.

At the time, in order to take care of a rupturing aorta, you had to do a big open operation. You had to open up the rupturing portion and put a tube graft in—an artificial aorta. In her case, we'd have to unplug the blood vessels to the kidneys and put them into this new aorta, because the aneurysm extended above the blood supply to her kidneys. And so because of that, she faced—to begin with—a 25 percent chance that she wouldn't survive the operation. And there was probably another 25 percent chance that she would survive but her kidneys would not, in which case she'd be on permanent dialysis.

I thought it was almost certain that she wouldn't get to go home again. She lived on her own in Cambridge, in an apartment where she took care of herself, did her own cooking, shopping. Despite

her advanced years, she was doing extremely well. But after an operation like this, she would be weakened enough that it was unlikely she'd be able to live on her own.

She asked me if she could think about the options. I said, yeah, 15 minutes. Her son was with her, and I closed the double bay doors to the emergency room she was sitting in, then came back 15 minutes later. Her son was in tears. I asked her what she wanted to do, and she said she had decided not to have the operation. She said she'd lived a long life. She'd already been counting her days in coffee spoons. She'd made out her will. And she didn't want to go through all that we were talking about. So I did something that I'd never done before. I took someone who had a life-threatening problem, wrote out a prescription for some pain medication, handed it to her son, and watched her walk out the emergency room doors, holding her son's arm and heading home.

I saved her son's phone number and called him a couple of weeks later, and she answered the phone. I sort of stammered, hello, how are you? Just fine, thank you, she said, and how are you?

I kept up with her for a year, and she lived just fine, thank you very much, in her apartment, on her own. I tell you that story because it brings home to me the difficulties of making health care work. Our hardest difficulties are not with the money, and they're not with the insurance rules, and they're not with the government bureaucracy, and they're not with the threat of malpractice lawsuits. Instead, our deepest struggle in health care is with complexity: a complexity that derives from the gaps in the science; uncertainty about knowing the right steps to take; the imperfection of our skills and abilities; and the messy reality that surrounds the lives of ordinary human beings.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, medicine has moved from a world in which we didn't understand the diseases that afflicted us or what we could do about them, to—midway through the century—an understanding of thousands of conditions that the human body can endure. During the second half of the century, we've come up with solutions for many of these. Today we've identified more than 13,600 diagnoses—13,600 different ways the human body can fail—and we've generated remedies, ways of at least relieving people from suffering, if not curing nearly all of those conditions, to the point that there are 6,000 different drugs I can prescribe, 4,000 different kinds of medical and surgical procedures I can offer.

What we're trying to do is deploy these, town by town, to every person alive in this country. And we're struggling. There is no industry that faces this kind of complexity. I would argue, in fact, that we are engaged in the most ambitious endeavor man has ever attempted, to bring the fruits of medical knowledge to people everywhere, and to do so with kindness, and whether or not a patient has the ability to pay for these services. ■

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Atul Gawande's Lowell Humanities Lecture can be viewed at Full Story, [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).

## Thoreau's apple trees

By Robert Cording, Ph.D.'77

It's early May, that first green rush of growth, new leaves gorging themselves on fresh light, and I'm in the woods, standing over a raccoon, dead a week or so and teeming with flies and maggots. I can't breathe. And suddenly I'm thinking of Thoreau fighting for air, a horse dead near his cabin at Walden Pond.

I look up the passage when I get home: it's in "Spring," the first year of his *experiment in living* nearing its end. Thoreau wants to see Nature's eternal cycles rather than death's oblivion in that horse's rank absorption. Less than twenty years after trying to make sense of that horse, Thoreau, just forty-four, is dying.

The Civil War has begun. Spring has arrived in Concord, but Thoreau cannot warm his tubercular body. He refuses opiates for his pain, saying he needs to think clearly. He is still trying to finish up his studies on the succession of trees and seed dispersal, not the eternity of Nature, but its economy

of abundance and the simple genius of its vitality that interests him now. I'm reading his biography and looking out the window. As Thoreau begins to slip away, Parker Pillsbury, a friend and preacher, asks how the *opposite shore* appears. One world at a time, Thoreau replies matter-of-factly.

I like to believe Thoreau was looking out his window as he spoke—his apple trees, like the ones here in my field, their white petals come and gone in a few radiant days, would have already (it was May 3<sup>rd</sup>) begun to leaf out, the new leaves multiplying and dispersing the end of the day's light.

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## Dressed for Service

More than 300 BC alumni in 26 regional chapters volunteered for the Alumni Association's fifth annual **National Day of Service** on April 17. Members and friends of the Northern California Chapter donned appropriate gear to help restore the natural habitat on Milagra Ridge in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Pictured, from left: Robert Johnsen '09, Emily Medina '07, Hilary Waldo '08, Matthew Carroll '08, Samantha Shenoy, Tony Payne '08, and Paul Berens '00. Participate in your local chapter at [www.bc.edu/alumnichapters](http://www.bc.edu/alumnichapters).



## Roll Call

Dineen Riviezzo '89 began her two-year term as president of the **Alumni Association Board of Directors** in June. She succeeds Thomas Flannery '81, who helped oversee a remarkable surge in alumni participation and activity during the first two years of the *Light the World* campaign. "I had the pleasure," says Flannery, "of serving with outstanding individuals who work so well together in promoting BC and being ambassadors of the Alumni Association." Riviezzo will enjoy similar assistance from two newly promoted board vice presidents, Jere Doyle '87 and Ann Riley Finck '66, P'93, '95, '96, '06, '08, as well as from Vincent Quealy, Jr. '75, P'06, '07, '10, who continues to serve in this leadership role. New board members include Nicole DeBlois '99, vice president of client relations at Boston Financial Data Services; Leo Vercollone '77, P'06, '08, president and CEO of VERC Enterprises; and Mark Warner '85, JD'89, partner in the law firm Witmer, Karp, Warner & Ryan, LLP. For more information or to submit a nomination for a future opening, e-mail [alumni.comments@bc.edu](mailto:alumni.comments@bc.edu).

## Back to School

Alumni are invited to head back to the classroom this fall with the **Alumni Education program**, which will host an array of learning opportunities on campus. On September 30, Cindi Bigelow '82, president of Bigelow Tea, will offer her thoughts on "Leadership 101." A classmate of Bigelow's, Marguerite Dorn '82, JD'85, is a principal in The New Having It All, an online center for women negotiating the work-life balance. She'll address the topic of women and career hiatus on October 5. David Kimmelman, general manager of the digital marketing company Avenue100, will discuss how to "Brand Yourself to Get the Job" on October 13. Then on October 20, just before the midterm votes are cast, Political Science Professor Marc Landy, P'09, will examine the congressional elections scene. Discover more programming and register at [www.bc.edu/alumnied](http://www.bc.edu/alumnied).

## Discover GOLD

Recent graduates can take advantage of expanded **Maroon & GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade)** programming starting in

September. This fall, the popular Welcome Home series will grow to include the Chicago region and will also continue to feature established events in Boston, New York, and Washington, D.C. "Whether new grads have returned to their hometown or just moved to the area, these socials are an excellent opportunity to meet fellow Eagles and to get involved in the Alumni Association," says Alexandra Faklis '08, MA'10, co-chair of the Maroon & GOLD Executive Committee. Recent graduates can also enjoy two new events that celebrate BC legacy families—those with multiple generations of BC alumni. On October 16, a legacy tea will be held on campus for GOLD alumnae and their alumnae mothers and grandmothers, and on October 30—before the BC vs. Clemson football game—the Alumni Association will host a pregame tailgate honoring legacy families. All GOLD members and their alumni parents and grandparents are invited to join the festivities. For more information on GOLD programming and to RSVP for upcoming events, visit [www.bc.edu/maroonandgold](http://www.bc.edu/maroonandgold).

## Alumni Year in Review

The Boston College Alumni Association connects more than 150,000 graduates to their alma mater—creating opportunities for alumni to renew friendships and to enrich the BC community through their active engagement. Whether living in Boston or elsewhere across the globe, alumni can participate in a wide variety of programs that are sure to create new and lasting BC memories. Below are some highlights from the 2009–10 academic year.

» More GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) alumni than ever before participated in events tailored to their needs as recent graduates. Highlights included Welcome Home gatherings in Boston, New York, and Washington, D.C.; a GOLD holiday party at the BC Club; and Take Back BC events held over spring break that offered alumni a chance to return to campus for discussions with University leaders.

» The Council for Women of Boston College sponsored 31 events that attracted more than 3,500 alumni. The council also completed a liaison program with each of BC's four undergraduate schools, which provided students with opportunities to connect with female leaders in their field.

» The Alumni Chapter network continued to expand internationally this year, adding

new chapters in China and South Korea, while providing graduates abroad with increased chapter programming in Ireland, France, and the United Kingdom.

- » Along with regular panel discussions, the Technology Council held annual dinners on the East and West coasts. The program in Palo Alto, California, drew a record 170 attendees and featured University President William P. Leahy, S.J., and Evelyn J. and Robert A. Ferris Professor of Physics Michael Naughton, P'10, '12.
- » The Alumni Association continued to provide an array of spiritual programming—from the annual Laetare Sunday and Alumni Memorial Masses to the special daylong conference “Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life,” which drew nearly 900 BC alumni, parents, and friends.
- » The Alumni Education program expanded to host nearly a dozen events, including expert-led discussions on “Taming Technology in a Wired Workplace” and “Charting a New Course: Advice for Career Changers.”
- » A record-setting 5,383 alumni from 12 class years and their guests returned to the Heights for Reunion Weekend 2010, where they participated in class parties and more than 20 other events honoring the anniversary of their graduation.

## Toast to the Future

The Class of 1960 helped induct the Alumni Association's newest members—the Class of 2010—at a **champagne toast** on Bapst Lawn on May 20. The annual celebration drew nearly 50 Golden Eagles and more than 1,500 graduating seniors, who were welcomed into the BC alumni family by Alumni Board Vice President Vincent Quealy, Jr. '75, P'06, '07, '10, and Fr. Michael Himes. For upcoming alumni events, visit [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni).



Rose Lincoln

## By the Numbers

### An Engaging Year

**480** | Programs and events sponsored by the Alumni Association during the 2009–10 academic year



**56,449** | Alumni, parents, and friends who participated in an alumni event this past year

**38** | Percentage increase in the number of alumni volunteers who made possible BC's programming success



**50** | Community service projects accomplished by alumni chapters worldwide

**1,085** | Requests received through the alumni online prayer service On Eagles' Wings

**6** | New alumni networks open to BC graduates (Energy and Environment, Hellenic, Law Enforcement, Higher Education Administration, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, and ROTC)

**4,200,000** | Scholarship dollars raised through Pops on the Heights and the Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner

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# CLASS NOTES

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Greetings! Hopefully you are doing well, because the only news we have is sad news: **Frank Brennan** has gone to join his family members and his classmates in heaven. Frank was an active supporter of BC, not only as a classmate from 1935 to 1939, but also as an alumnus. Prominent for multiple years in the Greater Boston banking world and admired for his honesty and financial acumen, Frank was a loyal Eagle and also a generous contributor to Boston College. All of BC—not just his classmates—will miss him. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to his family. • On this mournful note we end this issue's class news. Keep healthy and prayerful. Peace!

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On March 14, six members of our class were present for the 59th celebration of Laetare Sunday in Conte Forum. Charlie Ahern, Leo Benecchi, Ron Corbett JD'51, John Fitzgerald, Gerry Joyce, and Frank Mahoney MED'54, defied serious weather conditions to join our brother alumni. In recognition of our senior status at the brunch, we were seated at table number 1, together with one member each

from the Class of '41 and the Class of '43. University President William P. Leahy, SJ, visited with us to welcome us and to congratulate us for being present. • The rest of my report is sad, but as people of God, we accept this as part of life. On January 20, we lost **J. Fred Andrews** of Lynn. Fred served in the Army in India and worked for many years in computer systems operations at Shawmut Bank. His funeral Mass was at St. Pious X Church in Lynn, where he was a daily communicant. He is survived by a brother, James; a sister, Catherine; and many nieces and nephews. On February 25, **Paul Livingston** passed away in Millbrae, CA. Paul was a most dedicated member of our class. He made the trip east every year to join us at our memorial Mass and luncheon. His final trip was for his funeral Mass on March 13 at St. Charles Church in Woburn, his hometown. The celebrant was Fr. Tim Shea, the pastor; Fr. Donald Monan, H'96, chancellor of Boston College, was concelebrant. With the help of Paul's family, I was able to be present at the Mass and was joined by Charlie Ahern. Paul is survived by his two daughters and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary. Paul retired from the Navy as a captain and was occupied in investment securities until his second retirement. On March 31, I received a call from Charlie Ahern, who had just seen the death notice of our classmate **James Boudreau**. Jim served four years in the Army Air Corps, and upon discharge, he went to law school. He received his LLB and SJD degrees and practiced law from 1952. He is survived by two sons, three daughters, and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Marion. Charlie was present for the class at Jim's wake. • I thought I had finished the news when I saw that **Fred Seely** had passed away on May 3. Fred was a mainstay on Jack Ryder's Eagle Flyers. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol as an undergraduate and spent his entire work life in the FAA, traveling the globe. He is survived by his wife, Lisa; 5 children; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Dorothy, and two sons. I was present for his wake and spoke for the class. To the families of J. Fred, Paul, Jim, and Fred, we offer our heartfelt sympathy. We remembered these classmates at our annual class meeting and Mass on June 10.

## 1943

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Since the most recent list of cherished classmates who have died, the names of **Ed O'Sullivan** and **Ed Moloney** JD'48 have been added to the necrology. Two extremely popular men were they. Ed O'Sullivan, born in New Haven, was raised in Dorchester and attended Boston English High School. After graduation from BC, there followed very active service with the Navy during World War II. Ed, now a civilian, went on to serve with Esso (now Exxon). After living for many years in the Mid-

dle East and Europe, the O'Sullivans eventually settled in Houston. Ed and wife Katie were parents to seven children. An addendum: at our 25th, Ed was awarded the prize for having traveled the farthest to attend the reunion. The class also laments the loss of very personable Ed Moloney, who came to us from Lowell. Also a Navy veteran of World War II, he became a successful attorney. Seeking political office early on, Ed adopted a catchy campaign slogan: "No baloney with Moloney!" • **Bob Blute** and his late wife, Ann-Marie, were truly proud parents of 11 children. One of their youngest offspring, Paula Ebbin '89, daily awakes with the birds for the new 4:30 edition of WBZ-TV's morning news, which she co-anchors with David Wade. Bob told this column that Paula wrote Ann-Marie's obituary. • The most popular surname in the BC directory is borne by **Joe Sullivan**, who guided the fortunes of Sullivan Brothers for decades in Lowell. His family-founded company published a wave of sports periodicals for BC and Notre Dame as well as for ice shows. Joe's cousin Billy '37 was responsible for putting the Boston (sic) Patriots on the gridiron. • When the late **Paul Good**, JD'49, served as assistant attorney general, he bolstered the courtroom knowledge of then neophyte lawyers with invaluable Friday afternoon sessions at the State House. Those get-togethers elicited unanimous raves from Paul's charges, according to spouse Mary Good. She also reports that daughter Ellen is an executive with the child life program at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. • Long before there was Upper Campus off Hammond St. on Chestnut Hill, there was the Liggett Estate—an opulent residence that was to become the BC business school, now the Carroll School of Management. The Class of '43 held its first Commencement on that site on February 28, 1943. The '43ers graduating numbered 54 and included **Tom Murray**, **Jim Grimes**, **Sam Loscocco**, **Tom Meehan**, **Jack Hayes**, **John Foynes** LLB'49, and **Sam Church**. *Editor's note: In our previous column, we mistakenly reported the passing of Mary (Moriarty) Boudreau, wife of the late Wally Boudreau. We were pleased to learn that Mary is very well and is about to celebrate her 90th birthday. We wish her many happy returns, and we apologize for the error.*

## 1944

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Good friend **Tom Hazlett** pointed out recently that as time goes by, the notes of the Class of 1944 are working their way closer and closer to the front of the Class Notes section of *Boston College Magazine*: as a new class is added at the end, another class disappears from the beginning pages. It used to be called onward and upward. I guess it still is. It is sad, but it's simply the reality as we continue our journeys through this world and into the next. • This past winter was not easy as the procession continues: we lost **Frank Gal-**

lagher in January. Stan Dmohowski in February, and Walter Fitzgerald in March. Of the three, I probably knew Walter the best. We were both part of the BC High School Class of 1940 that went on to become the Class of 1944 at BC. Even back in high school, we all knew that Walter would become a hockey great. And the promise was fulfilled. • And the story of the recent burial of Jack Farrell takes us through every emotion known to man. In our junior year, Jack wanted to be of service to his country and applied to become a member of the Marine Corps. Unable to meet some of the Corps's stringent requirements of the time, he walked across the street and volunteered for the Army. Jack became a member of the 28th Infantry Division and saw action in France, Belgium, and Germany. In 1944, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Jack was killed and MIA in the Battle of Huertgen Forest in Germany on November 8, 1944. Surprisingly, his remains were located in Kommerscheidt, Germany, on September 24, 2008. And now, 66 years later, he has come home. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated for Jack on April 30, 2010.

## 1945

### REUNION 2010

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Wow! The celebration of our 65th reunion was a huge success! As usual, Paul Paget, MSW'49, was chairman of the event, assisted by our treasurer Jack McCarthy and yours truly. We started the day with Mass at St. Mary's Chapel, celebrated by Frs. Vincent Burns, MA'49, MA'52, STL'58, and Patrick Kelly. Cantor John Greenler led us in singing three hymns. Lou Sorgi did the first reading, followed by Bill Corbett, MED'47, doing the responsorial psalm. Fr. Burns read the gospel and gave the homily. Paul Paget led us with the prayers of the faithful and Edna and Kevin Bowers, MA'51, presented the gifts. Following the Mass, we went to the BC Club in Boston, where we had a great luncheon as we viewed the city from the 36th floor of the Federal Building. The view is spectacular and all were very impressed. In attendance were Mary Lou and Jack McCarthy, Lillian and Lou Sorgi, Bill Corbett, Claire and Dave Hern, Barbara Driscoll, Rita and Paul Dawson, Bill Cornyn, Tom Loftus, Edith and Ed Burns, Edna and Kevin Bowers, Marion and Jeff Bowe, Mary and Anthony Bruno MA'47, Alice and Leo McGrath, Helen and Ernest Graustein, Frances and Vin Pattavina, Dorothy and Doug MacGillivray, Jane and John Larivee, and Gertrude and John Greenler. After lunch, we all boarded the bus for our return to BC. • I don't know if you remember, but we entered BC in September 1941 with a class of 500—the largest freshman group ever to have enrolled at that time. Of course, this all changed with the start of World War II. By 1944, only 28 of the original 500 remained to receive their degree. You all know the rest of the story—we returned to BC to graduate in 1947 and 1948. We now have around 110 classmates, and 34 attended Reunion, a very good number for a 65th! • Bill Cornyn now has another great-grandchild, giving him a total of nine, which I am sure

sets the record for the most great-grandchildren in the class. If anyone has more, please send me a note with your total. • Retired USMC Col. John Keeley reports that his wife, Mary, passed away in August 2009 after 61 years of marriage. The sympathy of the class goes out to John. • On the medical front, I noticed a few more members of our class walking with canes, but considering our age, overall I thought we all looked good. Betty Burns, who is legally blind, came with her Seeing-Eye dog. • Vin Catalogna is still in the VA Hospital in Bedford with Alzheimer's disease, and Joe Devlin, MSW'49, is still in a nursing home in Framingham. Henry Jancsy is back from Florida but doesn't drive anymore. • That's it for now—and congratulations again on a great 65th!

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Bridget and James Calabrese celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on February 15. Bridget was among the first World War II brides and came to the United States on the *Queen Mary*. Jim was born in Sicily and came here at six months of age. When he applied to Army officer candidate school, he was rejected because he was considered an enemy alien. He immediately went to his draft board and was drafted. A year and a half later, while in the Army, he was sworn in as an American citizen at the American embassy in London. Jim and Bridget have two children, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. After 35 years as a district manager with Prudential, Jim retired at age 57. He then worked as director of sales for PeoplesBank. Not finished yet, Jim started his own insurance agency and retired at age 77. Subsequently, he served on a federal court for two years, working on several stocks and bonds cases. • Geraldine and Joseph F. Donohue moved from Cape Cod to Linden Ponds in Hingham, where Jeanne Costello, widow of James Costello, lives. They have dinner together every Thursday evening. Joe has a granddaughter who is studying at Providence College on a half scholarship. He and his wife are enjoying good health. • Eugene Nash lives in Country Club Heights in Woburn. His oldest daughter, Mary, MA'74, PhD'97, is academic superintendent, elementary schools, for the Boston Public Schools. Daughter Eileen has a master's degree in education and is principal of a grammar school in Boston. His third daughter is a midwife in Hawaii, and his oldest son, Thomas '75, is president of a division of Cognex in Natick. Son Paul is a supervisor in a manufacturing plant in Kennebunk, ME, while his third son, Michael, is a supervisor at BiogenIdec in Cambridge. • Eileen and Al DeVito are the proud grandparents of nine girls and seven boys. Al

writes, "Now, we have been told to expect our first great-grandchildren in September. I am still trying to play golf but not as often as the Legends of '45. Two of our grandchildren represent the fourth generation in the family business of A. DeVito and Sons, Inc." • Fred Callahan's widow, Louise, visited with Ann and Paul Lannon at their home in Sudbury. Louise was accompanied by daughters Siobhan and Alison and her two new grandsons. Alison and her husband, Peter Halberstadt, are BC grads, Class of '00. Siobhan graduated from Smith and lives in Providence with her husband, Jeff Corey. Louise lives in the Bronx with her son Evan. • The annual Mass and luncheon will be held in early fall. A notice of time, date, and place will be sent in advance. Please plan to attend.

## 1949

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I'm sitting at my window looking out at a beautiful day at dear old Savin Hill by the sea, the home of the 2010 national coed sailing champions, the Boston College sailing team. • The class had a very nice get-together on May 2 at Robshaw Theater for a production of *The Three Penny Opera* by the theater department. The spring play tradition started by Jack McQuillan several years ago has treated us to some outstanding plays such as *Cabaret* and *Pirates of Penzance*. Following the play, we gathered at Vanderslice Hall for a delicious dinner selected by our treasurer, Ernie Ciampa, in consultation with Sahag Dakesian, MS'51. The tenderloin was sumptuous, to say the least! Those attending included Louise MA'56 and Jim Whelton, Mary Dowd, Mary Murphy, Dot and Jack McQuillan, Paula and Peter Rogerson, Mary Lyons Amsler, Pat and Jack Waite MA'51, Margaret and Sahag Dakesian, Sally and Jake Meany, Mary and Vinny Nuccio, and Ernie Ciampa—and I'm sure I have omitted others who were present. • I hope you all have received the Spring class notes in which I included a bio of Fr. Charlie McCoy and expressed, as well as I could, the sentiments of the class about his passing. I can provide a copy to those who may not have received the magazine. • Please send me information that I can include in these notes!

## 1950

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Our 60th Boston College reunion was a success, to say the least! It began with a 10 a.m. class Mass in the chapel of St. Mary's Hall—where more than 90 percent of the pews were filled. Joseph Duffy, SJ, MA'51, STL'58, celebrated the Mass and also gave the sermon. We then went to the rotunda of the Tower Building for lunch; there were 48 classmates and 54 wives and children of classmates in attendance. The Class of 1950's 60th anniversary gift to Boston College was more than \$748,000

from 244 donors—49 percent of our class. Looking back, we are, of course, the first class of World War II veterans; looking forward, I hope to be in shape for our 65th—five years from now. For now, I'd like to say I really enjoyed June 4, 2010, at Boston College! • Sadly, we lost several classmates during the past months, including our first class president, **Robert L. DiSchino**, MEd'60, of Wellesley. Robert died on December 20, 2009, leaving his wife, Dorothy, and seven children. Robert graduated from Cranwell Prep School in 1943 and with us from BC, where he also earned his master's degree in education in 1960. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the USS *Lewis* in the Pacific. He began his career in residential home building as a partner in the family-owned Triangle Construction Company. He later taught in the Dover-Sherborn school system for 20 years and then founded his own company. He was active in Wellesley, serving on the Town Meeting and the Planning Board, and he is a past president of the Wellesley Club. He was a member of the Boston/Wellesley Advancement Committee, Sisters of Charity—Halifax, and in 2005, he was inducted into the Knights of Malta. • Other members of our class who have recently passed away are **John L. Dwyer Jr.** of Corona del Mar, CA, on December 1, 2009; **Robert L. Gallagher** of Waltham on January 28, 2010; **Roland C. Korb** of North Andover on February 16, 2010; **Gerard F. Weidmann** of Quincy on February 6, 2010; **Daniel F. Foley** of Fresno, CA, on March 1, 2010; **Richard F. Harding** of Fairfax, VA, on December 24, 2009; and **John F. McAteer** of Burlington, VT, on March 8, 2010.

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I have no news of you. Enjoy the summer—and please be in touch!

## 1951

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Dear Class of 1951,  
It is with tremendous sadness that I, Jacquelyn Wesner '88, MEd'09, enter the notes for my dad's Class of '51. I am sorry to report that your beloved and extraordinarily wise class correspondent, **Leo Wesner**, died on April 25. Many of you may not be aware of this, but Leo was diagnosed with stage-4 metastatic pancreatic cancer in October 2008. At that time, he expressed gratitude to the doctors who discovered his cancer—he was willing to accept the likely outcome, yet he was also willing to endure intense chemotherapy regimens in order to prolong his life. (Some of the activities Dad enjoyed: On May 18, 2009, Dad was present as I received my master's degree from BC's Lynch School of Education, 21 years after I received my bachelor's degree from BC. Dad embraced the opportunity to

attend BC's Night at the Pops with two of his granddaughters, two of BC's Laetare Sundays with me, and BC's Arts Festival and Winter Wonderland with his grandchildren. In fact, the day before he died, Leo was planning to bring his grandkids to BC's spring game.) Through it all, Dad remained loyal to his faith and to his alma mater. Dad and his classmates were looking forward to, and excitedly planning, their 60th reunion. It was Leo's sincere hope that he would live to see 2011—and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his graduation from BC! Because Dad had responded so well to treatment (for 20 months!), his doctors believed that he was a great candidate for a third (and experimental) chemo, which he was to start on April 26. But on April 25, Dad went into cardiac arrest. He died 24 hours later. My sister Kate and I were by his side, along with my daughter Katelyn (BC'20) and three of his closest friends. Leo died peacefully, in a room full of love. From the time of his diagnosis to the moment of his passing, Dad's favorite prayer was Thy Will Be Done. My dad was extremely grateful—for everything. He told everyone who would listen that he was the luckiest man alive—he had the greatest kids, the greatest friends, and above all, the most amazing grandchildren. Since my father's death, I have come to truly appreciate that he was so much more than "my dad," and that he meant so much to so many. At my father's wake, I was struck by the realization that his life (like all of our lives) comprised many pieces, stages, and facets. When I first walked into the funeral home and saw the arrangement from "BC Class of 1951," I was really moved. Then I had the opportunity to meet and hear from many of Dad's friends and classmates. He loved being the Class of 1951 correspondent—and I am sure that his incredible (and humorous) memories delighted many of his pals. Boston College left an indelible impression on my father but has also been a tremendous influence on my life. To all of his Class of '51 friends, you will forever remain in my thoughts and prayers, and as you celebrate your 60th reunion next June, I have no doubt that my dad will be right there with you in spirit. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

Jacquelyn Wesner and the Leo Wesner family.

## 1952

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Once again, I dusted off my copy of *Sub Turri* just to bring back some great memories. Randomly opening to a page recording the efforts of those who put *The Heights* together each week were photos of **John Davey**, JD'55, and **Eric Johnson**, co-editors of the paper, with **Tony Losocco** looking on. A few pages back, I found **Tom Megan**, **Paul Kendrick**, and **Will Hynes** of the golf team. And then there were the photos of the senior prom, the class Communion breakfast, and Senior Week Retreat at St. Ignatius. Where have all those years gone? And yet, I find myself really enjoying the memories like they were yesterday. • **Bob DiTullio**, a physician, is still working in his

office in Cohasset three days a week. • **Jack O'Connor**, MS'53, is keeping busy with his seven grandchildren and his membership in the County Donegal Association. • **Dana Doherty** and bride alternate between Mesa, AZ, and New Hampshire, while **Joe Wesner** can be found in Dallas. • **Ed MacDonald** is enjoying retirement in North Port, FL, and is still hitting the links three or four times a week. • Hey, **Paul Clinton**, I hope you are feeling better! • In Melbourne, FL, **Paul Donovan** is going strong, visiting his seven children, playing golf, and doing a lot of volunteer work. • Pat and **Jack Leary** of Exeter, NH, spent a great day touring the BC campus with daughter Beth '82. • Sadly, I report the death of **Manny Fontes** on November 2, 2009, in Westport. Also, **Charlie Kohaut** reports from Fort Wayne, IN, that **Tom McGowan**, MBA'65, has died. Remember Manny and Tom in your prayers. • Mary and **John Paul Sullivan** celebrated their 50th on November 14, 2009, in Wellesley. • **Paul Enos** reports from Amelia Island, FL, that we're "getting close to the front of the book." • **Dave Murphy** says "all is well, thank God." If you're in the Pittsfield area, give Dave a call. • **Jim Leonard**, MEd'53, says that his leukemia has not interfered with his world travels, with Pompano Beach, FL, as home base. • **Francis X. O'Leary** is now the proud grandfather of 16 and the great-grandfather of 2. Fran is in Davenport, FL. • Belatedly and sadly, I report the death of **Gene Tinory** in 2007. **Jim Regan** brought this to my attention from Fort Lauderdale. I apologize if I missed some of this vital information. I am limited with a staff of one—me—but I will try harder. • Please keep my son, Navy SEAL Patrick, in your prayers, as he is back in Afghanistan. • **Regina and Tom McElroy** are at work preparing for the next Tom McElroy Jr. '80 Golf Classic in August. They have already raised more than \$1 million for BC soccer. • Finally, as I put *Sub Turri* back in the drawer, I am reminded of the great job **Frank Dooley**, JD'55, did in putting together that wonderful book of memories. Remember him in your prayers.

## 1953

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After 43 years of service to Boston College as a faculty member, Honors Program director, Jesuit Community rector and senior administrator, and VP for University Mission and Ministry, our classmate **Joe Appleyard**, SJ, PHL'58, left BC this summer to accept a key leadership position with the New England Province of Jesuits. On July 31, Father became province *socius*, the assistant and advisor to New England Provincial Myles Sheehan, SJ, an assignment that came as the New England Province was preparing to merge with Society of Jesus provinces in New York and Maryland. • Our annual memorial Mass and dinner is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 9, at Alumni House on the Newton Campus—a new location, as Trinity Chapel was not available. We will have the Mass in the Putnam Room and dinner in the dining

room, assuming the number of guests will be about the same as last year (44). So mark your calendars, and more information will follow. • On June 9, 18 golfers showed up for play at the Wayland Country Club for our 16th annual golf outing. The players met in the restaurant and were given the rules for the day. The format was the usual Florida-type scramble, and the golfers were served a selection of sandwiches at the turn. The lineup was as follows: Team A ("the holy trio"): Dick Horan, Fr. Larry Drennan, and Msgr. Paul Ryan; Team B: Art Delaney, Jim Low, and Walter Corcoran; Team C: Bob Willis, Spike Boyle, Fred Good MBA'62, and Jim Wholly; Team D: Don Burgess DEd'82, Ray Kenney JD'58, Joe Desalvo, and Bill Ostaski; and Team E: Jim Willwerth, Paul Coughlin, Paul Murray, and Bob Sullivan MEd'60. Cheese and crackers were available in the restaurant as the golfers exchanged their favorite stories from the day's play. After a review of the scorecards, the Ostaski team was declared the winner—they had beaten the holy trio by one stroke. However, the holy trio also had a good day: Fr. Larry won the long drive contest, and Dick Horan won the closest-to-the-line contest. Joe Desalvo was the other winner, with a shot on hole No. 4 that was 12 feet, 5 inches from the cup. A salad followed by a dinner of casserole of shrimp and scallops, marinated steak tips, chicken, and rice pilaf was served. Coffee and an assortment of cookies rounded out the meal. The golfers all stated that they had had a good day and hoped to be able to do it again next year. • Mary and I had lunch recently with Maureen and Bob McCarthy. On their way home from California this year, they took a 15-mile detour to visit St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, CA. While there, Maureen talked with Joseph "Eddie" Iarobino, OSB; Maureen and Eddie's sister been friendly in high school.

## 1954

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Frank McLaughlin, MA'57, will begin his 50th year as a BC faculty member this fall. Frank was planning to present a paper at the annual Bernard Lonergan Workshop at BC in late June and will see three grandchildren enter college in September, two at BC and one at Brown. The number of kids and grandkids that Frank and Clare (Carr), MEd'73, have sent to BC is the primary cause of the University's increase in enrollment these past few years. Do we have any other 50-year faculty, whether at one or several schools? If so let's hear from you. • Speaking of professors, John Cawley, who had a long career at Villanova, is spending much of his time at Aquinas House, the Catholic Student Center at Dartmouth College, where he has been a trustee for about three years. • Mary and Frank Stretton, MS'56, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 28. Frank who holds both a bachelor's and a master's from BC, has retired from Colorado State University, where he was a chemistry professor. • Frank Flannery reports that he planned to retire from his treasurer's post at Suffolk University last spring. Frank,

haven't I heard you say that before? On more than one occasion, he was acting president. One of Frank's greatest accomplishments was overseeing the building of the magnificent law school on Tremont St. • Lenny Matthews reports that he and Rose, as well as Alberta and Gerry Natoli, Claire and Leo Maguire, Maureen and Dick Charlton, Bill Hunter, Linda and Dave Pierre, and Fr. Steve Koen MEd'60, attended the BC Cape Cod Club St. Pat's Day celebration. Lenny is recovering from recent back surgery and is doing well. • I met Barbara Norton, wife of Paul Norton, at a recent retreat. She tells me that Paul is retired from the Marine Corps Reserve and from his sales manager position for Target Products. He pursues his interest in World War I and II history. • Tom O'Connell's ninth book, *Power, Politics & Propaganda: Observations of a Curious Contrarian* (Sanctuary Unlimited), has been receiving favorable reviews. Tom is a former Beacon Hill lobbyist and newspaper columnist. His book can be found on amazon.com and at several Cape Cod bookstores. • Recently we heard of the death of Dick Montvitt; we send our sympathy to his family. • Please send news!

## NC 1954

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It is with great sadness I report the death of our classmate **Ginny Yawman Dayton** in February in Arizona. According to the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, Ginny had a "distinguished history of service in mental health treatment and advocacy on the state and national levels." She served on President Jimmy Carter's Commission on Mental Health and also on the boards of directors of Abbot-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and the Phoenix Children's Hospital. She also had a great interest in the arts and, in particular, the theater. While living in Minneapolis, she was a member of the board of Guthrie Theater, and in Arizona, she was a devoted supporter of the Arizona Theatre Company. Please keep Ginny and her family in your prayers. • From **Mary Evans Bapst**, in Geneva, Switzerland, we learn that she celebrated her 80th birthday with family and friends on May 23. Mary is working on a project for local parishes there. She is translating into French material used in the Kairos retreat program. For the last three years, Mary has been giving doctrinal teaching on the Eucharist to the parents of first communicants in her parish. She said it is "very special, always a joy" to do this. • A note from **Helen Badenhausen Danforth** tells of the death of her husband, Haines, in April. She said "he had a long and good life." Let us keep Helen and her family in our prayers. • Also, please remember in your prayers William McInnes, SJ, '44, MA'51, STL'58, the respected Jesuit priest and educator who died in December 2009. Father returned to BC in 1998 to serve as chaplain of the BC Alumni Association. **Lucille Joy Becker** reminded me of Fr. McInnes's connection to our class. He was the presider and homilist at our 50th reunion Mass in the Newton chapel. • **Delma Sala Fleming** and her family had a unique adventure this summer. They are an "addicted"

seafaring family. In July, they were in the British Virgin Islands to dive to the wreck of the *Rhone*, the 310-foot Royal Mail steamship that sank during a hurricane in 1867 off Salt Island. They had explored this well-preserved wreck 20 years ago and were excited to visit it again.

## 1955 REUNION 2010

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Because I was unable to attend the 55th reunion due to the change in time from noon to 6 p.m., I could not be the gatherer of news, so I would like to thank John Vozzella, Jean O'Neil MS'63, Pat Lavoie Grugnale, and Charlie Murphy for giving me the following information. • Class reunion activities began on Thursday, when several classmates attended the Red Sox–Oakland game. Charlie Murphy was able to obtain tickets in the Pavilion. John and Rosemary Vozzella attended the clambake on Friday evening and met John McCormack, MBA'71, and Joe Carney. On Saturday afternoon, several classmates attended an excellent tribute to the late dean of the Connell School of Nursing, Rita P. Kelleher, H'68. Anniversary classes were told to gather under a sign indicating their year for a photo. Sadly, there were no signs for the early classes, but I understand that **Barbara Wincklhofer Wright** used the Theory of Adaptation to rectify that, and a sign appeared and the picture was taken. If I can get a copy, I shall have it posted on the class Web site. Following the memorial Mass, about 60 classmates met for a buffet dinner and a chance to chat. Charlie Murphy, as co-chair of the Class Gift Committee, reported that the class goal of \$350,000 was exceeded: 48 percent of the class contributed \$367,135. Although classmates chatted with one another, I received no specific news and am reluctant to try to name all who were present for fear I will slight some by leaving out their names. • There is an old Civil War song called "The Vacant Chair," and there were chairs vacant that ordinarily would have been filled by faithful attendees **Dan Foley** and **Matt McNamara**. Both Dan and his wife, Carolyn (Kenney) '56, had been very faithful to BC and to our class through their many activities, so it was wonderful that Carolyn came to celebrate with us. Chairs are also vacant in the homes of **Evie Gage Strobel**, **John J. Donovan**, and **John F. McLellan**. **Patricia Redihan Childers**'s beloved brother Bernard also died recently. The song ends, "We will linger to caress them while we breath our ev'ning prayer." Please keep our classmates and Bernie, as well as their families, in your prayers. Please pray also for classmates who are bearing the burden of illness.

## NC 1955 REUNION 2010

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In gathering news for our 55th class reunion, I was in touch with many classmates. Many

were unable to attend the reunion, but they shared news about themselves and their families. • Sr. Yasuki Ohashi continues her work in the counselor training program in Tokyo, where she lives with 12 adults on the college campus near her mother—who is 101 years old! She is also near another classmate, Kuniko Shiobara Hara. • Mary Jane Moyles Murray continues in her law practice. Mary Jane and Gerry's son Gerry is a priest at St. Vincent de Paul Church in New York. • I spoke with both Ann Sperry McGrath and her husband, Bob, who travel together for Bob's concerts. Bob has his own company for the recording of his CDs. He also gives early childhood workshops for teachers. • Pat Donovan McNamara lives in Southport, CT, with husband Leon, who does appraisals of antiques. Pat has worked for 20 years at the Norwalk Hospital, where she is assistant to the chairman for medicine. • We heard that Flo Connolly Barnes recently had hip surgery. We wish her well. • We were delighted to hear from Donna Haider Migely, who lives in Winnetka, IL. Donna was sorry to hear about Joan Costello Barbary's death. Donna recalled her 1955 trip to Europe with Carra Quinlan Wetzel and Carra's future sister-in-law, Betty Ann Wetzel. Donna took Joan's place on the trip when Joan had to withdraw because of her father's death. Donna and her husband, Joe, have 6 married children and 16 grandchildren living in six different states. Another connection to Joan came to me from Dorothy Dienhart Rotolo NC'53, who had met a friend of mine in Florida and wrote to me about her long friendship with Joan. I am also grateful to Joan's devoted husband, Bob, MBA'71, who wrote to express his appreciation for the words of sympathy expressed in our last column in *Boston College Magazine*. Bob related that Joan had struggled for more than 27 years with various cancers, and that her faith in God was strengthened as she raised six children with Bob. Bob said that Joan's loving ways and her dedication to serving others are being rewarded in heaven for sure. • Our 55th class reunion was attended by Ed and Winnie Weber Hicks, Pat Leclaire Mitchell, Mary Chisholm Sullivan, and Frank and Jane Quigley Hone. There was a special remembrance for our deceased classmates. We had 12 classmates at the last reunion five years ago.

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We had two tables at the Laetare Sunday Mass and Communion breakfast. Marie, MS'55, and I sat with Leo'58 and Claire Hoban McCormack, Mary Walsh MS'58, Mary Fraser Pizzelli, Pat MED'69 and Frank Furey, and Joe Connors. Mary Pizzelli defended her proposition that the seed for the development of Boston College as a major factor in the Boston community started with our class when the first women undergraduates were admitted. • Notes from the Class Committee meeting: Carol Kenney Foley led a group of classmates to visit Alice Shea in Wakefield, where she is in a residence for Alzheimer's syndrome patients. Art Reilly is back on his feet after a bout of leukemia. Dick Toland and Tom Reis compared notes on their time in last winter's Florida freeze. Betty Ann Casey Cox and Claire Hoban McCormack were proctoring exams at Harvard. Jack Leonard is head of a study program for seniors at Lasell College in Newton, which has a residence community, Lasell Village. Jack recently took part in a 20-mile walk to raise funds for Project Bread, and he was planning to do a 26-miler for the Jimmy Fund in September. The committee voted to make a Jimmy Fund donation for him. • Tom Sheehan has signed a contract with Milspeak Publishers for *The Collected Works of Tom Sheehan*. Tom stepped into his 83rd year on March 5 by writing a new short story, which is now online on *Rope and Wire*. Troubadour 21 has over 60 of Tom's pieces online, and he will soon be in the 10th out of 11 issues of *Ocean Magazine*. • David M. Reagan has returned to Massachusetts and is living in Lakeville for the present. He left the Austin area very reluctantly, but after his wife, Mary, died in August, it was time to come home to family. Dave's first wife—of 38 years—died in 1999. • Carolyn Kenney Foley could not attend the Laetare Sunday celebration because Dan '55 had just been admitted to hospice care after three weeks in the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Sadly, Dan died in March. Also, Elizabeth Burns of Syracuse, NY, died in April. Please keep them and all classmates and families in your

prayers. • Thanks to all who sent news. A reminder: you can log on to the alumni online community to read and post news of accomplishments, travel, etc.

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On Friday evening, June 11, Gail O'Donnell, RSCJ, STM'80, celebrated her golden jubilee as a religious of the Sacred Heart! A Mass of the Sacred Heart was celebrated at Newton Country Day School. Marion Linehan Kraemer, Sheila McCarthy Higgins, John JD'62 and Ursula Cahalan Connors, and Steve '55 and Patricia Leary Dowling were in attendance. Gail's sister, Bridget O'Donnell Mudse (one of the twins), and her husband from New Hampshire were also there. It was a truly glorious celebration, with Gail giving the homily. Congratulations to Gail. • The dates for our 55th reunion are June 11–12, 2011. More later! • A reminder: the AASH directory is online; to search for an alum, visit [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org).

## 1957

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John L. Harrington, MBA'66, was the recipient of an honorary degree at the 2010 Boston College Commencement. John is chairman and a trustee of the Yawkey Foundations, and he was CEO of the Red Sox from 1992 to 2002. He has served as president of the BC Alumni Association and received the William V. McKenney Award, the association's highest honor. He also has served as a trustee of the University, and he continues to serve as a trustee associate. John, the Class of 1957 is very proud of your significant contributions and endeavors over the years. Our very best to you. • In March, several members of our class gathered at the Strand Country Club in Naples. The attendees included Mary and Jim Devlin; Cele'58 and Jim Doherty; Bob and Anita Matthews; Anne and Ed Hines; Maureen and Santo Listro; Neil and Joan Curley; Joyce and Paul Wentworth; Jim and Margie DiMare; Bill Heavey and Judy Deibel; Phyllis and Frank Geraci MBA'65; Tom'58 and Joan Lynch; Jane and Jim Daly; Jim and Betty Turley; Joan and Bill Cunningham; Maureen and John Harrington; Linda and Joe McMenimen; Joanna and John Ryan; Annette '58 and Vic Popeo; Kaye and Tom Giblin '50; Vera and Don Fox; Ellen and Frank Higgins; Judy and Larry Chisholm; Elaine and Jim Connolly; and Betsy and Ed Brickley. Bill Cunningham and John Harrington and their wives again hosted this marvelous time with their wonderful generosity and kindness. Also, many thanks to our dear classmate Ed Brickley for a superb job in reporting this wonderful event. • A scholarship honoring "master mentors" Mary Lou Hogan, MED'61, and my longtime personal friend and associate James Murphy '58 of the

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Massachusetts Maritime Academy was formally announced by Woods College Dean James Woods, SJ, '54, MAT'61, STB'62, at the WCAS Class of 2010 dinner at Anthony's Pier 4 in Boston on April 13. • The class extends its sincere sympathy to the families of **John O. "Jack" Daly**, who passed away on April 13, and **William M. Bucelewicz**, who died on February 25. • Class dues for the new academic year remain at \$25. Please remit to **Bill Tobin**, MBA'70, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746.

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Early May found Ellie Pope Clem, **Liz Doyle Eckl**, and **Connie Hanley Smith** as house-guests of **Connie Weldon LeMaire**. The reason: to attend a recital by **Cathy Connolly Beatty** in Boston. There, we were joined by **Nancy Bowdring**, **Carol McCurdy Regenauer**, **Lucille Saccone Giovino**, and **Rosemary Stuart Dwyer NC'58**. The program comprised Broadway show tunes by Gershwin, Kern and Hammerstein, and Cole Porter. After an elegant lunch at the Taj, we four stopped by the Newton Campus en route back to Andover. We were met by **Jack Howard**, SJ, '59, MA/PHL'62, BD'68, who kindly took us through Barat House, which houses offices of BC staff members. After an initial feeling of hesitation at entering what we remembered as the nuns' cloistered residence, we appreciated the tour. We even visited the room that had been the "crypt" chapel, where Fr. Joyce said daily Mass. It was reassuring to see how well maintained the buildings and grounds are. • In the Spring 2010 issue, we read about **Neil and Joan (Hanlon) Curley's** cruise to South America. Unfortunately, **Don and Nancy (Harvey) Hunt**, who had planned to join them, had to cancel due to Don's sudden illness. Nancy writes that, after many months of difficult treatment, Don is now back to playing golf and is feeling good. Nancy thanks everyone for their prayers. Perhaps Nancy and Don will get to take that cruise to South America after all! • Thank you all for keeping in touch.

## 1958

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Congratulations to **Johanna Pallotta**, who received the Outstanding Clinical Endocrinologist Award from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists at its annual meeting in Boston. Johanna is an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and a senior physician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She formerly was a research and clinical fellow at Yale before beginning her illustrious career as a clinical endocrinologist. Johanna's late husband and her four children are all physicians. • **Peter Guilmette** reports that he does not regret his

recent move from Acton, MA, to North Carolina. • An interesting article appeared recently in the *Boston Globe*, quoting **Sheldon Daly**'s comments on an issue regarding his parish, St. Paul's in Hingham. Sheldon has been a lector at St. Paul's parish for 42 years. • Condolences of the class go out to the families of **Roland Desilets**, **John Flynn**, and **Bob Donehey**. Roland lived in Malvern, PA, and was a software designer. He leaves his wife, Frances Veronica; four children; and eight grandchildren. John lived in Salt Lake City and spent his career as a law professor and a counsel in major antitrust and regulated industry cases. He leaves his wife, Sheila Anne; three children; and four grandchildren. Bob lived in Needham and was my classmate at BC High. He was in sales in the food industry and leaves his wife, Shirley; three children; and six grandchildren. • **Bob Black**, living in Buzzards Bay, is a professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Bob and wife Joan have 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. • In recognition of his 26 years of dedicated service and teaching expertise at the Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College honored **Jim Murphy**, together with fellow WCAS teacher Mary Hogan '57, MEd'61, by establishing a scholarship in their names. The Murphy name will be carried on in the English department of Woods College, as his son Ted '93, a teacher and novelist, now teaches the same course Jim once taught. • After many years as a distinguished professor in the School of Law at SUNY Buffalo, **Kenny Joyce**, JD'61, and his bride, **Rita Moore Joyce**, are enjoying retirement on the Cape. They are now closer to their two children, Mary '87 and Michael '90, who are both attorneys in Massachusetts. • **Joe Linnehan** is keeping physically active in his retirement by running daily and has completed 13 marathons. Joe, formerly an assistant principal in Waltham, has three children and four grandchildren. • Please let me hear from you, and don't forget your class dues. Send your check for \$25 to **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt**, 28 Cedar Rd., Medford, MA 02155.

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The importance of staying connected is proven once again. **Mary Keating McKell** credits good hospital care plus the loving support and prayers of family and classmates **Kate Glutting Arcand** and **Mary Azzara Archdeacon** for pulling her through six days of hospitalization in January while fighting off a bad virus. Mary is now cutting back on her work and planning travels with Dave. • Another story of RSCJ connections: Shortly after World War II, when **Audie Nolan Galvin** was in the 10th grade at Newton Country Day School, a pen-pal project was started with Sacred Heart children in Japan. Audie's original pen pal at the RSCJ Tokyo school stopped writing, but another student, Yori Oda, continued the correspondence. Through a series of paths not taken, Yori has been in this country for 42 years and is a resident of Cambridge. With a BA from

the University of Manchester, England, and a background in economics, she maintained her interest in the Chinese language and in developing countries. She has now retired as senior preceptor at Harvard University, where she taught Japanese culture through literature. We welcome Yori at our Newton '58 luncheons in Wellesley. • **Beth Duffy Legare**, committee member for the luncheon at the Dunes Club in Narragansett, RI, reports that RSCJ members of Teresian House in New York and the Rhode Island Food Bank were beneficiaries of the event. • **Mary Denman O'Shea** is a new volunteer at Selby Gardens—famous for its orchids—in Sarasota, FL. • **Judith Young Runnette** traveled to Jordan and Egypt recently, inspired by a picture of her grandmother and great-uncle on camels in front of a pyramid. "I thought I should follow suit," she said. • **Judy Carey Zesiger**, grandmother of six, including triplets, has moved from New York City to Florida and travels at least once a year to Vietnam, where her son lives; she has seen most of the seven wonders of the Asian world. • **Lucy Reuter Dolan** and **Margie George Vis** have had wonderful reunions: Wisconsin in September and St. Louis in April. Lucy and husband Danny have four grandchildren graduating this season, two in the Chicago area and two in Tennessee. • **Sue Fay Ryan**, mother of five and grandmother of seven, including adopted sisters from Ethiopia, has several advanced degrees including a DEd. She plans to retire this season after 36 years of public school teaching, and she's now studying Spanish. Sue was in Boca Raton, FL, for the wedding of the son of **M. J. Eagan English**, MEd'59, in March.

## 1959

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There was a fine representation of our class at the BC volunteers dinner: **Beth Grady MS'64**, **Elizabeth Power Keohane**, **Andrea and Marty Redington**, **Margaret and Charlie Lynch**, and **Marilyn and Frank Scimone**, along with my wife, Marilyn, and me. • The class is saddened to learn of the death of **Nancy Pacious Lane** on April 2. Nancy was married to Tom Lane '58. Her family has requested that any donations in her name be made to the Boston College Connell School of Nursing.

## NC 1959

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The Golden Eagles celebrated a great reunion, meeting classmates from near and far. The

evening meal on Saturday, attended by 300 people, including 150 of our classmates, was superb beyond comparison. I believe it was the largest event we've had since we graduated. Our reunion, and related events held earlier in the year, began with the hard work of our excellent Planning Committee. Some members of the group stand out. **Fred O'Neill** took on the responsibility for the Naples event in March, and the great time enjoyed by so many people has led to the possibility of another Naples trip next year. **Peter Johnson**—our yearbook editor—produced a great recollection of past events, with the help of **Al Hyland** and **Pauline LeBlanc Doherty**. Among the many events that took place during Reunion Weekend was a Connell School of Nursing reunion. • I would be remiss if I did not thank Al Hyland for the arduous work he did in researching and preparing an "In Memoriam," remembering our classmates who have passed away. Listed among the deceased was **John Sheehan**. Needless to say, John was shocked! He told his roommate, Fr. **Leo Shea**, that he had risen from the dead like Lazarus and was sent by God to keep Fr. Leo on the straight and narrow. John and Leo had served as lay missionaries upon graduation in 1960. **Ed Doherty** also appeared on the list, but was resurrected and is living the good life. Fr. Leo would not have missed this event for anything. He is retiring at the end of this year. He has long been a Maryknoll priest and will be maintaining his association with the Blessed Assurance Orphanage in Montego Bay, Jamaica. If you would like to contact Fr. Leo or learn more about the orphanage, write to Maryknoll Fathers, POB 304, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0304. Fr. Leo will be in the Boston area after his retirement. • Finally, thank you to all who made this reunion the best of all! The turnout was impressive, with some classmates returning to the Heights for the first time in 50 years. If you missed our 50th, stay well and resolve to come to our 55th reunion in 2015.

## NC 1960 REUNION 2010

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After a year of planning, our 50th Newton Reunion Weekend began on Friday, June 4, with a panel discussion, "The Way We Were," led by *Boston College Magazine* editor Ben Birnbaum, who posed questions covering the years of 1956–1960. **Sally O'Connell Healy** represented Newton College well and expressed our appreciation to BC for including us as alumni these past 35 years and for helping us keep connected with our Newton friends. At Robsham Theater, we were welcomed to our investiture as Golden Eagles. Then BC President William P. Leahy, SJ, spoke about the future of Boston College. He made it very clear that BC will maintain its mission as a Jesuit, Catholic university. He gave each of us a pin with our Newton College seal, and we enjoyed a reception on the patio. • The 1960 Golden Eagles yearbook was unique as it was dedicated to four pioneering women of the BC community: Rita P. Kelleher H'68; Josephina Concannon, CSJ, MEd'49, PhD'57; Alice E.

Bourneuf H'77; and Gabrielle Husson, RSCJ, MA'51, president of Newton College from 1956 to 1969. The Newton College seal appeared for the first time in the yearbook, and the Newton section, highlighted by Sally Healy's notes on the history of Newton College and Sr. Gabrielle's dedication, included 58 bios. Special thanks to Sally, Carole Ward McNamara, Berenice Hackett Davis, and Pat Winkler Browne for their help with the yearbook and also to all who sent information or pictures. The BC Reunion Committee was very welcoming—and special thanks to Peter Johnson '60, who provided leadership for the success of the yearbook. Thanks also to Pat Browne, gift chair, and Kathleen McDermott Kelsh for contacting every classmate, helping us to reach a 65 percent participation rate in our class giving to BC. • Saturday night's dinner at Barat House drew 50 classmates plus 22 guests. Classmates were Lee Dalkiewicz Anton, Betsy DeLone Balas, Michaelene Martin Barrett, Mary Egan Boland JD'65, Debbie Fitzgerald Bourke, Anne Canniff Boyle, Pat Browne, Carol Johnson Cardinal, Ann Blunt Condon, Jeanne Hanrihan Connolly, Joan Di Menna Dahlen, Berenice Hackett Davis, Lennie Coniglio DeScepel, Connie Lucca Donovan, Patricia McCarthy Dorsey, Elaine Holland Early, Dee Demers Ferdon, Mary Elizabeth Brusch Field, Peggy Massman Freeman, Sue Kenney Gaetano, Moira Donnelly Gault, Sheila Marshall Gill, Martha Miele Harrington, Mary Harrington, Sally Healy, Mary-Anne Hehir Helms, Rosemary Roche Hobson, Blanche Hunnewell, Kathleen Kelsh, Ursula Kent Lanigan MPH'73, Brenda Koehler Laundry, Nancy Madden Leamy, Peggy Flynn Lee, Lee O'Connor Lynch, Mary Mahon MacMillan, Loretta Maguire, Lita Capobianco Mainelli, Pat Beattie McDonald, Carole McNamara, Judy Romano McNamara, Kathy Runkle O'Brien, Carol Higgins O'Connor, Julie Anne O'Neill, Stella Clark O'Shea, Ferna Ronci Rourke, Mary Lou Foster Ryan MSW'85, Jane Wray Ryan, Marie McCabe Stebbins, Sheila O'Connor Toal, and Gail Hannaford Walsh. We missed Bill and Dot Radics McKeon (whose mother passed away, I am sad to report, at age 98 the week before the reunion) as well as other classmates who were unable to attend due to health issues: **Fran Fortin Breau**, **Eleanor Coppola Brown**, **Grace Tamm Escudero**, and **Gaby Gyorky Mackey**. Our class picture was taken on the steps of Barat, and a video, created by Pat McDonald, of our past reunions and gatherings was a real treat. • Marie Stebbins and Carol Cardinal helped with the memorial Mass on Sunday by inviting the participants and greeting all. Thanks to them and to Peggy Freeman, who did the readings; Stella O'Shea, who brought up the petitions; and Lennie DeScepel, who read the prayers of the faithful and to our Eucharist ministers, Pat Browne, Berenice Davis, and Sally Healy. Fr. Neenan, H'08, offered a beautiful Mass and homily, and the liturgy was enhanced by the lovely voices of Laetitia Blain and Delia Duart '79. We were honored that **Suzanne Thornton**'s sister Margo Isabelle and her daughter Sarah Curtin '91 and Rosemary Stuart Dwyer NC'57, sister of **Joanne Stuart** MEd'69, could join us at the Mass and the brunch that followed. At the brunch, Pat Browne presented a Chinese brush painting of chrysanthemums, painted by Sr. Gabrielle at age 94, to the Alumni Association

as a gift from Newton. It is already hanging proudly in Alumni House. • So now our 50th reunion is history. I hope you all will have many fond memories of the time spent with friends and will keep connected to BC and to your Newton classmates!

## 1961

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We begin with the sad news that three of our classmates have recently passed away: **Maureen Donnellan Buzzell** of Hingham on January 25, **Chester Susecki** of Clementon, NJ, on April 17, and **Frank "Bubba" Larkin** of Belmont and Rye Beach on May 10. Also Pat Hannon, wife of classmate **Bob Hannon**, passed away on April 16. May they all rest in peace. • We hear from **Nancy Magri Dubin** that **Mary Sullivan Greenfield** lives in Salem, NH. She is retired from nursing and has six grandchildren. She said that she and **Ellen Wedgeworth Ryan** regularly attend the Pan American Airline reunions, where they worked after graduation. **Claire Lawton** is back in West Concord and has retired as a co-administrator of a nursing agency. • **Chris Murphy Mayor** is working in a physician's office at MGH. She has a daughter who lives in France, a son in Denmark, and two daughters in Massachusetts. • **Patricia Harrigan Hutchinson** moved to Maine in 1968 and worked at a hospital in Augusta, retiring in 2005 as director of health education. • In our last issue **John "Red" Lane** requested information on **Joseph X. Grant**, who was our classmate in freshman year. Joe was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and promoted to captain posthumously for his gallantry in battle during the Vietnam War. He graduated from Matignon High in 1957 along with several of our classmates. **Dick Gill**, who was one of his boyhood best friends, tells us that Joe left BC after his first semester and enlisted in the Army. He never told Dick, he just went. Three years later, Dick met Joe in the neighborhood. He was a paratrooper and was about to become a helicopter pilot. He was later offered a commission as a 2nd lieutenant and went to Korea, married a Korean woman, and learned Korean as well as several other Asian languages. He was promoted to 1st lieutenant and was a company commander in Vietnam on November 13, 1966, when his unit was on a search-and-clear mission. His heroism that day is described in the citation of his Medal of Honor: A fierce firefight began, and the enemy attempted to overwhelm Joe's force. Seeing a platoon leader wounded, Joe went to his aid and moved him to a secure position. Although wounded in the shoulder, Joe went on to rescue another soldier but "was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun. With a supply of hand grenades, he crawled forward under a withering hail of fire, knocked out the machine gun, and... moved the wounded man to safety. Learning that several other wounded men were pinned down by enemy fire... [Joe] disregarded his painful wound and led five men across the fire-swept open ground to effect a rescue. Fol-

lowing the return of the wounded men to the perimeter, a concentration of mortar fire landed in their midst and [Joe] was killed instantly. His heroic actions saved the lives of a number of his comrades and enabled the task force to repulse... and defeat the enemy." The full text of the citation can be found at <http://www.history.army.mil/html/moh/vietnam-a-l.html>. Joe's name has been inscribed on the BC Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated last November.

## NC 1961

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Our very own Madam President **Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan** wrote: "Friday night, April 16, nine of us met at the Boston College Club in Boston to begin planning for our 50th: **Faith Mead Bertrand**, **Ellen MacDonald Carbone**, **Rosie Hanley Cloran**, **Maryann Morrissey Curtin**, **Babs Kager**, **Linda Gray MacKay MA'04**, **Barbara Feely O'Brien** (who is expecting her 20th grandchild), **Mary Walsh**, and I. Absent was **Joan Donohoe O'Neil**, MAT'90. *The dates are June 3-5, 2011.* We had such a wonderful evening, planning and remembering." In the next issue, I will tell you more about events, and information will also be mailed to us at a future date. • **Susie Ahern** wrote that she is retired and enjoys living in North Carolina. • I spoke with **Sheila Flaherty Comerford** recently. She said she is looking forward to our reunion in June 2011. • **Beth Good Wadden** sent a note and pictures of her five children at her son's wedding in Seattle last winter. This was especially meaningful for her because her children live in various parts of the country. • We are so happy to hear that **Judy Vollbrecht**, RSCJ, returned safely to Haiti to continue her mission work. Remember, I have her address if you would like to help her. She is planning to attend our reunion! • For those of us who have not lived in the "Bawst-in" area for a while, we need to start practicing. Quincy is Quinzee; Dedham is Dead-um; Peabody is Pee-ba-dee; and it's not a water fountain, it's a bubblah! And by the way—**Mary Sue Flanagan** is not an "Ignition volunteer," she is an Ignatian volunteer. My apologies, Mary Sue!

## 1962

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**Gene Guerrera** sent a note saying he and wife Pat now live on the Cape. Their daughter Alicia and her husband, Michael, had their second child, Rowan Hope Boisseau, last December. • **Larry Donoghue** retired recently as division chairman for Dillard's in San Antonio, where he and his family lived for 27 years. Sadly, Larry's wife, Karen, died of breast cancer in February 2009. Larry summers on the Cape and would love to hear from classmates

## A SPORTING LIFE

**T**om Martin '61, P'86, '03, played 58 minutes of the 1961 Beanpot championship game. The two minutes he missed were spent in the penalty box, having been whistled for aggressive defense. Nearly completing an entire game is the stuff of legend, as is scoring the winning goal. "In my mind, I can still clearly see the open area of the net and the puck going in," he recalls.

Graduating with an accounting degree, the two-time all-American played for the 1964 U.S. Olympic hockey team and forged a successful career in financial management before executing a crossover as successful as any he had made on ice.

In 1982, Martin founded Cramer Productions when he purchased the video division of the electronics company for which he worked as a controller. Over the ensuing 28 years, Martin has grown the company into a full-service digital marketing firm with clients such as Staples and PricewaterhouseCoopers. As CEO and chairman, he oversees all operations. He also helped create several best-selling sports films, including the five-part documentary *The Story of Golf*, the critically-acclaimed *Boston Red Sox: 100 Years of Baseball History*, and *Banner Years: The Official History of the Boston Garden*, which won a New England Emmy Award.

Below, Martin shares his thoughts on life and BC:

### WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Overall, having seven children who are important contributors at Cramer.

### IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Being blessed with a wonderful wife for 49 years.

### WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

The relationships I had with hockey coach Snooks Kelley '28 and baseball coach Eddie Pellagrini.

### WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

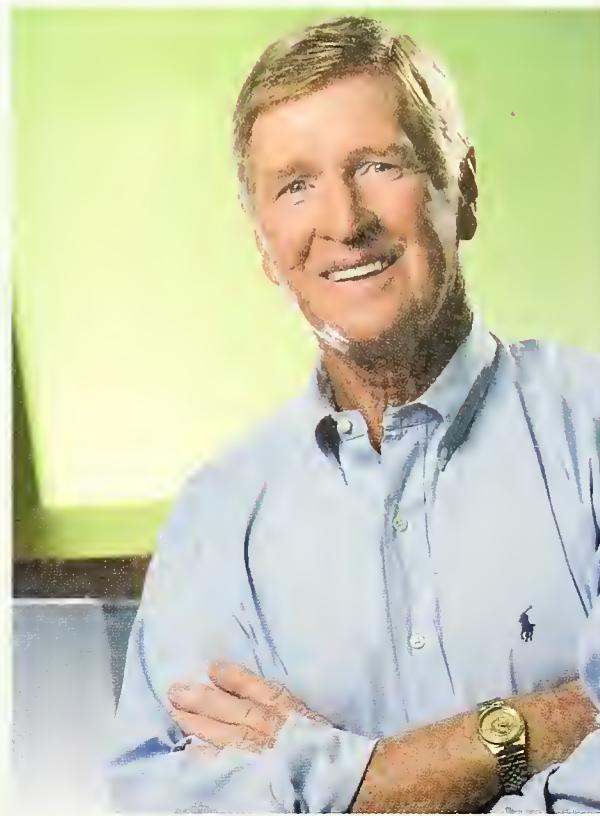
To continue to work, stay healthy, and enjoy my grandchildren.

### WHAT IS ONE THING EVERYONE SHOULD DO WHILE AT BC?

Mix with people outside their own circle.

### HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I have a greater respect for other points of view. When you're young, things are pretty black and white. Later on, you



Tom Martin knows how to win on the ice and in the boardroom.

realize things are about 80 percent gray. I guess you could call that maturity.

### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND BC?

Snooks Kelley. I went to Cambridge Latin, and he was a teacher there. I had decided to go to Harvard and told my coach, who said I had to tell Mr. Kelley about my decision. Snooks brought me into the teachers' lounge and sat me down. After he talked with me, I figured I'd better tell Harvard I was going to BC.

### WHAT IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

A good work ethic and integrity.

### WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

A little library that used to be in the basement of Fulton Hall, where I would study before hockey and baseball practice.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE BC PRESIDENT FOR A DAY?

Set up a day when the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Association members could meet together to share thoughts and ideas.

at his Chatham address: 39 Doane Rd., Chatham, MA 02633. • Jack McKinnon called to tell me that Dick Couture retired from Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) after 48 years with the company. Dick joined Coopers right after graduating from BC with a degree in accounting. He is clearly a rare breed in today's fluid work environment. He now spends his time playing golf and also hockey in a senior league. • Paul Norton wanted classmates to know that Charlie Hughes passed away recently. Paul mentioned that there was an exceptional tribute in the *Boston Globe* (May 20, 2010) honoring Charlie for his nearly 20 years of service as a youth basketball coordinator in West Roxbury and Roslindale. Those who knew Charlie said his motivation came from seeing kids develop and overcome physical and mental challenges. The article praised Charlie for his long life of giving back to others. We extend our sincere condolences to Charlie's family. • Best wishes to all and remember, we would love to hear from you!

## NC 1962

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Barbara Collette Sauve was recently visiting Anne Morgan O'Connor, and I was glad to be able to catch up with her a bit. I was so sorry to hear that Barbara's husband, Donald, passed away in 2008. Barbara's two sons live in British Columbia, one in Vancouver and the other in Whistler. Her daughter is nearby in Montreal. Barbara is in touch with Maureen Slattery Durley, who is also from the Montreal area. Gail Capon Hill and Edwina Lynch McCarthy joined Anne and Barbara for lunch and had a wonderful reunion. • It was a privilege to attend the memorial Mass for Paul Mooney, son of Bill '60 and Jackie Gegan Mooney, held on May 1 at Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus. Paul died in December 2009 at age 44 after having battled cystic fibrosis since the age of 9. I came away touched by the very full life Paul led despite this chronic disease, his deep spirituality, and his connection to the cystic fibrosis community, many members of which came from all over the country to pay their respects. • For the third year, a group from the Newton College Class of '62 gathered in Florida for a minireunion. Once again, Anne Gallagher Murphy kindly sent a write-up about it: "Several of us continued our Florida March reunion tradition, which seems to be getting bigger and better every year. Despite a chilly March, Pat Beck Klebba, Holley Hicok Schroeder, Bonnie Tubridy Blosat, Kathy Mahoney Guilmette, Janet Richmond Latour, Pat McArdle Shaw, Susan Wall Harris, Marie Sullivan Gorham, and I met at various times: a walk on the beach, lunch, dinner, shopping, and our highlight dinner at Ron and Holley Schroeder's beautiful home in Osprey. Our main reunion is the first week of March, but if you come anytime between February 15 and April 1, at least a few us are available, and we love to get together. Hope to see you there." Judy Bertsch Ritter, Joanna Bertsch Yaukey, and I had planned on being there but had to cancel at

the last minute. We hope to make it next year. • Katie Fishel McCullough wrote from Arizona that she and husband Bill see a lot of Ginger Wurzer O'Neal and her husband, Denny. • Please send me news about yourself or other classmates.

## 1963

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I met the inseparable Gene Durgin and Ed O'Brien at the BC-Red Sox spring training game in Fort Myers. Both admitted to having had two months of sunny Florida relaxation without being able to stick a toe in the Gulf or a swimming pool. During the ensuing month of March, Eileen '64 and I never used the air conditioner, except for heat! It can only get better next year! Gene is retired from a career in financial management, while Eddie continues his radiology practice in St. Louis. The Red Sox and the Flynn Fund nicely collaborated on the barbecue luncheon prior to the BC-Sox game, to the enjoyment of BC fans, and it was well worth the take. • While in Florida, we also attended the annual St. Pat's parade in Naples and bumped into our class president, Tom McCabe, and his wife, Marge, who persuaded us to march in the parade with the current class of Golden Eagles. Our "marching" ended prematurely, as we passed the well-known McCabe's (Tom says no relation) on Fifth Ave., where we thoroughly enjoyed great Irish music and the usual corned beef and cabbage. Tom is a great and well-traveled ambassador for our class, particularly as we approach our Golden Eagle anniversary reunion in 2013. Sounds like a parade entry in Naples in March of that year is in the works. • I am sad to report we have lost the following classmates: Elizabeth H. McCool of Woonsocket, RI, died on January 28. Elizabeth had retired after a career as a nurse and a teacher. William C. Franz died on December 15, 2009. Bill was a journalist, editor, and longtime resident of West Brighton on Staten Island. He leaves his wife, Maureen (McGlynn); a son; a daughter; his father; and one grandchild. John M. Marinofsky of Framingham died on March 14, and Peter McGrath of Billerica died on April 19. • Please write with class news!

## NC 1963

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Kudos to Carolyn McInerney McGrath! She had the idea for a Newton gathering in New York City at the Metropolitan Museum of Art with a SWC-ish theme, and she pulled it off beautifully. After a dinner for local attendees in Connecticut the evening before, on April 13, 11 of our lucky classmates gathered at the Met for a tour of the Greek and Roman collections. They were Susan Frisbee, Margie Dever Shea, Judy DeMarco, Marion Kelly Daley, Carol Donovan Levis, Susan McAuliffe Brown,

Dorothy Daly Voris, Maureen Lambert Roxe, Carol Singleton Dockery, Mary Peirce Connor Burke, and Carolyn. (Sadly, Sharon Leahy Mahar and Martha Meaney Cummings had to cancel.) The private tour was "fabulous"—the docent's extensive knowledge of the period led many to vow to reread *The Iliad*. The group had lunch at the museum and that night, they met Sue Moynahan Spain for dinner. The day was so successful that it inspired a plan for next year—our 48th—a tour of the MFA in Boston. Carol Donovan Levis will plan it. We have plenty of time to clear our calendars to attend. • After discovering that they have lived in the same town—Cary, NC—for years, Colette Koechley McCarty and Nancy Waeber Gleiman, MEd'79, recently had lunch together—a long lunch—it's daunting to catch up on almost 50 years. Nancy has a daughter and grandchildren living in the area, so she gets a lot of grandmother time. I was sorry to learn that the Gleimans lived here for several years before Dr. Gleiman's death, which meant I missed the opportunity to visit with him. Those who took "The Alienation of Western Culture" with me will appreciate this loss. • Maureen Sennott O'Leary visited with Colette and Tom McCarty in North Carolina last April to celebrate her birthday. • Boston College sponsored a daylong conference, "Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life," at which there were almost 900 attendees. Among them were Carol Donovan Levis, Maureen Sennott O'Leary, Mary Peirce Connor Burke, and Margie Dever Shea. The talk given by Fr. Michael Himes—one of the most popular teachers in the theology department—was outstanding, according to reports. Any chance of reprints? • I'd love to include your news here; just drop me an e-mail at ckm2@mindspring.com. • Have a great summer—talk to you in the fall.

## 1964

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BC is currently in the design phase of Stokes Hall, an 180,000-square-foot building that will contain offices for various humanities departments as well as space for classrooms and student formation programs. The building will be named after Patrick T. Stokes, who recently received the James F. Cleary '50, H'93, "Masters Award," presented to an individual of "exceptional leadership and imagination pertaining to the life of the University." Pat has served on BC's board of trustees since 1996. As vice chair in 2004, he was part of the BC team that negotiated the purchase of the University's new Brighton Campus. • Michael St. Clair, MA'65, professor of psychology at Emmanuel College, presented "Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities in Midlife and Beyond" at the BC alumni conference "Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life." You can download his presentation from the alumni Web site at [www.bc.edu/journey](http://www.bc.edu/journey). • Dan Higgins reports that he has retired from Boston Coach and is delivering Meals on Wheels in Brookline five days a week to keep busy. • Jim Spillane, SJ, MA'68, MDiv'76,

reports from Mwanza, Tanzania, on the shores of Lake Victoria, where he is teaching at the university and developing a curriculum on tourism management. In his spare time he is studying Swahili. • Chuck Clough was the main speaker at the June BC High Business Breakfast, speaking on "Opportunities in Global Equity." Chuck is chairman and CEO of Clough Capital Partners. • Steve Duffy reports that daughter Stephanie will attend the University of Nevada, Reno on a Nevada Millennium Scholarship. Daughter Ellen was one of 30 swimmers her age (15–17) invited to Phase 2 of qualifying for the U.S. Junior National Synchronized Swimming Team. • We were pleased to hear from Eileen (Howley) Luddy, who noted that Class of '64 alumnae of the Lynch School of Education have been meeting yearly for a luncheon and social time, usually at Alumni House, for many, many years. She writes, "The people most active in organizing this have been Ursula Maglio Lyons and Elinor Rupp Downey. Many of us alumnae are not interested in football games... and do not live close enough to BC to "drop by" for an evening's lecture. But we do care about seeing our old friends and getting to know them all over again—as the women they have become!" Eileen suggested that '64 alumni—or those in other classes—might also consider such gatherings. Please contact the Alumni Association if you'd be interested. • I am sad to report the passing of two classmates: John Coury of Vienna, VA, and Jack McDonnell of Natick. After the Peace Corps, John was employed by the World Bank, the Pan American Health Organization, and USAID, and he traveled and worked extensively throughout South America, Africa, and the Caribbean. Jack was a systems engineer for IBM from 1964 until his retirement in 1991.

## NC 1964

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Mary Shay McGuire is hoping that someone can identify the song, the music to which we "borrowed" to write our own (very clever) lyrics for a play in freshman year. We didn't actually write the music too, did we? Mary's memory includes: "Jean-Paul Sartre, René Descartes." I can remember this much: "Matter and form construed a pact, enabling potency to react. Philosophers should not agree. The fashion's incongruity. The cloudier, the more obscure, the better it is. Confusion's the byword. It sure isn't my word." I can even hum the tune, but that's it. Any takers? • My daughter Dana works in San Francisco for Linden Lab, a virtual world technology company and the creator of the virtual world, Second Life. The company describes itself as "a revolutionary new form of shared experience, where individuals jointly inhabit a 3-D landscape and build the world around them." Dana and her co-workers worldwide operate primarily through avatars of their own creation (wasn't this a movie?). In Second Life, not only can an individual go shopping, build a home, and travel; major corporations can conduct global meetings. Wouldn't you love to

see the avatar created by an IBM executive? Dana also said that the occasion when you meet the "real-life" person behind the Second-Life avatar is always an interesting experience. I periodically ask Dana if she's actually getting paid to do this job. I've seen those avatars. This looks like way too much fun to be a real-life job! • Now for this column to have a second life, or any life, for that matter, it's up to you. You have three months until I write the next column. Think what you can do in those three months. Do it—and tell me about it!

## 1965 REUNION 2010

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Our 45th reunion weekend was very enjoyable. The weather was great, and many classmates attended the events. Word has it that the 50th reunion is *the best!* Skip Canniff and his wife, Boots, flew in from Denver to attend. Skip is a retired elementary-school principal in Jefferson County. Their three children—Jennifer, Natalie, and Gregory—all reside in the Denver-Boulder area. Skip and Boots are enjoying retirement, dividing their time between their three "home" cultures: Denver/Morrison in Colorado, Boston/Norwood in Massachusetts, and Manila/Lucena in the Philippines, where they spent January snorkeling on Panglao Island. Skip was fortunate to see the Eagles win the NCAA Frozen Four in Denver in 2008 with classmate Jim Gormley, MA'69. • George Baldwin worked in hospital administration for 13 years for the Arabian American Oil Company after working in Turkey for 3 years. He and his wife, Luzmila, a native Peruvian, have a daughter, Martina Sarah, who was born in Saudi Arabia. Martina received her BS in public relations from the University of Florida and her master's in communication from California State. George and Luzmila live primarily in Orange County but have strong ties to Cape Cod. • Elaine Anderson Shibley writes that daughter Suzanne, with husband Doug and their two children, are settling in to Newport, VT, and loving it. Elaine and Paul's other three children and their spouses and families are well. • Bruce Gormley is a programmer/analyst for the City of New Haven. His son Ross is going to Wesleyan, and his daughter, a 2009 NYU nursing grad, is studying to be an APRN at Columbia Graduate School of Nursing. Bruce has been doing a lot of writing and photography. You can view his work on [www.scribd.com/doc/25355324/Relax-to-Pictures](http://www.scribd.com/doc/25355324/Relax-to-Pictures). • Vic Ciardello has been appointed executive VP of a Chicago-based, minority-woman-owned small business offering IT services and solutions. Vic has opened a DC regional office in Reston, VA. The 15-year-old company is called Bourntec Solutions. • The Lynch School of Education had an event on Saturday afternoon during Reunion Weekend. I attended and was happy to see the following classmates there: Maddie Zollo Pope MA'81, Mary Kingsbury Doller, Kathy McVarish Sullivan, Jane Cavanaugh Gewalt, Mary Finn Goulaud, Rita MacNeil Martin, Molly Spore Alhadef MS'65, and Karen Holland.

## NC 1965 REUNION 2010

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Our class's 45th reunion was a smashing success! Thirty-two classmates and eleven husbands enjoyed a warm and fun-filled dinner in Alumni House, our former library, on the Newton Campus. Thanks to Barbara Sweeney Kenney, Gretchen Monagan Sterling MEd'70, and Donna Cianelli for all their hard work and to Boston College for providing the opportunities that help us to renew and maintain our Newton traditions and friendships. Pat Noonan Walsh came from Dublin to attend the reunion, and Joan Wienk Gallagher, who can probably beat out George Clooney's character in *Up in the Air* for frequent-flier miles, flew from Australia, arriving in time for the Saturday evening festivities. John and Lynne Doran Sterling came from Boise, ID, to enjoy the reunion with John's brother Bill and his wife, Gretchen Monagan Sterling. What fun for two good friends to marry brothers! Cathy Lugar is a great rowing enthusiast and gave Joan and your writer a mini-tour of the boathouses along the Charles as she graciously drove us to the airport following brunch. • Karen Kinnealey is celebrating her retirement and is looking forward to traveling more. • Jeff and Tink O'Connor Neubert are currently downsizing and are combining two condominiums into one unit in downtown Darien, CT. They are selling their high-maintenance house with Tink's cherished gardens (which, I heard from several classmates, are absolutely spectacular), and Tink says the experience so far feels very liberating. Chris Cartnick Merritt is their broker! So if you are buying or selling in the Darien area, call Chris. • Brian and Helen O'Brien Maher welcomed their seventh grandchild in February. They now have six grandchildren under the age of four, and all live in the Greenwich/Stamford area. Helen and Brian recently took a hiking trip to Europe, landing in Munich and hiking the Iron Curtain Trail to Berlin. • Mary Hoagland Noonan wrote from Roanoke, VA, where she has lived for 32 years. She has three sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren and stays active with community volunteer work and tennis. Mary and her significant other enjoy travel, do-it-yourself projects, and the joy of grandchildren. Mary stays in touch with Angie McDonnell Larimer, who lives in Cincinnati, and Ann Heaton MacMillan NC'67, who lives in Victoria, BC. • Rosemary Buttice, RSCJ, was this year's commencement speaker at Cor Jesu Academy in St. Louis. Sr. Rosemary received her degree in Latin from Newton, earned an MA from Fairfield University, and completed her theological studies in Rome. She has taught at both the elementary- and the high-school levels and has served the U.S. Province of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as provincial secretary and councillor and as a member of the ASCJ formation team. She is currently involved with the Queen of Apostles Retreat Center and with St. Joseph Parish in Imperial, MO. • If you didn't attend the reunion, please know that you were missed. Minireunions will be held in Boston (contact Barbara Sweeney Kenney) and in New York

City (contact Janet McInerney Sargent). At the reunion, a paper was passed around, asking classmates to jot down some notes for this column. Recurring sentiments included gratitude to BC for the reunion opportunity, the great time that was had, disappointment that roommates and friends hadn't made it, and wishes for all to attend our 50th. Please stay connected and send your news. Thanks for a great 45th!

## 1966

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**Ann Riley Finck** will lead the BC Alumni Association as one of the newly appointed vice presidents. Ann is a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, which is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

## NC 1966

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Caroline "Skeetie" McCabe recently sent the following: "I was in Bahia, Brazil, for the Festa de Yemanjá on February 2, celebrated in the city of Salvador. This city was the chief port for the arrival of African slaves to the territory. Yemanjá is the Yoruba spirit of the sea, fertility, and abundance. It was an impressive occasion of devotion to a female power—some 300,000 participated. My ex, James Theodore Toland, the father of my son, Jesse McCabe Toland, died in Santa Barbara, CA, on November 19 at age 79. Jesse, who works in Iraq but visits his Thai wife, Ngoh, regularly in Bangkok, held a beautiful Buddhist funeral at sea in January for him in Thailand. My eldest, Sarah Markantonis, lives in Nassau, Bahamas, with husband George and two sons, Minas and Michael. My other daughter, Erica Sharp, MD, lives in Austin." Caroline suggests you friend her on Facebook to see pictures of all the above! • **Dorie Norton Weintraub** reports that she and Buz have become city dwellers. They moved from the suburbs to the Copley Square area of Boston just before Christmas. "We have everything at our fingertips: shops, Newbury Street, theater, and oh, the food! Good thing I am doing a lot of walking!" • **Lucy Fortin Khouri**, MSW'68, became ill about a month after our 40th reunion and needed two years to slowly recover. "In the third year, I felt deep gratitude for the health regained and decided to design my 'retirement' by returning to my profession but trying something very new and challenging. I am now a military and family life consultant, and I am away on my third assignment at Fort Hood, TX. I interview soldiers who have been deployed, helping them to get the support they need to return to their lives here. The work is the most fulfilling I have ever done as a social worker/psychotherapist!" • **Mary Lou Wachsmith**, in response to a query about what she was doing, wrote: "I find myself speechless (a rare event) and can't think

of a single thing, except maybe being so happy to have found you all on Facebook and, well OK, my three grandkids, living in San Clemente, my law practice, tutoring bar candidates...." • **Susan Korzeneski Burgess** held a show of her paintings at Copley Place in Boston in March. I was lucky enough to be in Boston on a very rainy night to see her beautiful work.

## 1967

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In May, **John A. Patti**, a radiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, was elected chair of the American College of Radiology Board of Chancellors. John also serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of the American College of Radiology*, and he is the current chair of RAD-PAC, the political action committee of the American College of Radiology Association. John earned his MD from Yale University in 1971. • We are sad to report the passing of **Burtis Parcels** of Centerville on April 24. An Army Ranger and helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War, for the past 12 years Burt was an adjunct faculty member and lecturer at Boston University's School of Education, where he had received his doctoral degree in education almost two years ago.

## NC 1967

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Sadly, we received news of the March 10 passing of **Anne Crofoot Kuckro**. She is survived by her husband, Lee '63, and four daughters. Her husband is the older brother of her Newton roommate, **Lynn Kuckro Sundermann**. **Marcie Cormier Clarke** sent an article from the *Hartford Courant* describing Anne's community accomplishments over the 42 years of her married life in Wethersfield, CT. She was known as the "Guardian of Wethersfield History" for her work as a community leader; architectural historian; and author, researcher, organizer, and grant writer. The family home was one of the oldest in the state, and they restored it. Anne led several groups in the Hartford area, including her local chapter of the National Society of the Colonial Dames, for which she directed efforts to increase awareness of Connecticut Colonial and Revolutionary architectural history. Anne's resourcefulness and determination in all her efforts brought her respect in the community—including from schoolchildren for whom she created special lessons to bring alive the history and architecture that surrounded them. Her restoration work continued until the time of her death, leaving a visible legacy in the refurbished historic houses along Main St. in Wethersfield. • The Newton College Spring Tea in the Washington DC area had a different flavor this year, thanks to **Carol O'Donoghue McGarry**: she and husband

Michael brought bottles of wine from their family winery in suburban Maryland for our sampling, and they told fascinating stories about how the family got into the business. They have even produced several award-winning wines in less than five years. **Mary Lou Hinchey-Clemons** and I were there from our class to enjoy the tastings. **Donna Shelton** was visiting her daughter in Rotterdam, Holland, that weekend, and **Nancy Birdsall** and **Sandy McGrath Huke** had travel and family commitments. We hope more of us will be able to get together at another time. • **Kathy Doran Hegenbart** transitioned recently to work with investment teams connected to the Merrill Lynch Private Banking and Investment Group. In her new job, she still travels, but she hopes for a slower pace. • Looks like I am the only one to report a new "grand" family addition this time. On May 12, the **Frees** welcomed Mariann Nancy Argerson, a first granddaughter, to ensure a coed basketball team for the family. • Keep in touch. I'd like to hear from more of you soon. Don't forget our Prayer Net!

## 1968

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Greetings, classmates! • The kudos continues for **Ken Hackett**, H'66, president of Catholic Relief Services. He received the 2010 Justice and Compassion Award at Catholic Charities Boston's annual spring celebration dinner on May 20. Ken was honored for his more than 30 years of field experience in international relief and development, including the recent Haiti disaster response, as well as for his continuing commitment to fighting poverty and vulnerability at home and abroad. For your noble work, Ken, we too salute you! • With sincere sadness, we note the passing of our classmate **Frank Hannon** on March 17 in Belfast, ME. Our prayers are with his family. • In February, Sarasota, FL, saw the brief but memorable minireunion of our Class of '68 members **Tom "Big T" Pacynski**, **Steve "Kelby" Kelleher**, **Ed "Roons" Rooney**, **Lawrence "Happy" Fine**, and **Jim "Muldoons" Maloney** at some of the area's finest golf courses and restaurants. Former BC basketball coach Jim O'Brien '71 was permitted to join his elders at dinner one night to learn about the joys of aging gracefully. Memorable BC moments, whether true or not, were shared and enjoyed by all. • On April 10, in Chicago, Jim and I joined our dear friends **Loren '67** and **Sue (Walsh) Miller** for a joyful dinner celebrating our Frozen Four National Champion Eagles. • Boston College, ever to excel!

## NC 1968

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**Sandy Mosta Spies** co-chaired the women's lacrosse game and Meet & Greet sponsored by

the Council for Women of Boston College on May 1. In partnership with the athletic department, the council sponsors at least one women's athletic event each season. Sandy is a founding member of CWBC and co-leader of the Athletics Subcommittee.

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**Jay Breslin** completed the climb to the roof of Africa, Mt. Kilimanjaro, at 19,340 feet in April with his three daughters: Colleen '00; Rory, Villanova '01; and Molly. Jay's son Luke '05 and his fiancée, Kate Dunigan '05, accomplished the feat in January. • **Maureen O'Keefe Doran** wrote from Ramotswa, Botswana. In 2009, she and husband Kip '68 joined the Peace Corps. Maureen has been assigned to the guidance office of the Ramotswa Senior Secondary School, and Kip is involved in the country's battle against AIDS. Maureen has found the work challenging, with 1,600 students in her school. Maureen and Kip also help the fledgling University of Botswana Medical School in teaching first-year medical students their mental health module. In December 2009, Maureen and Kip welcomed their first granddaughter, Avie, born to daughter Alison '00 and Jason Marshall '00. • **Tom Lee** wrote to report the passing of **Paul Powell** on February 4. Paul's funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Somerville on February 10. **John Lohmann** wrote to advise of the passing of **Conrad Rybicki**, JD'72, in Northport, NY, on March 5, 2010. Conrad was the father of Michael, Donna, and James. James, who is a sergeant in the military, returned from Afghanistan for the funeral.

## NC 1969

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Hello, friends! I have some good news for this issue. On May 16, Lindsay Mullen, daughter of Peter and **Ellie Parks Mullen**, was married in Boston to Ted Jeanloz. They met at the Longwood Cricket Club, where Lindsay had started a young adult tennis league that Ted joined. My husband, Peter, and I attended. What a cute couple and what a lovely time! Lindsay and Ted will be honeymooning in Hawaii. While in Boston, Peter and I traveled over to the Newton Campus and stopped in the chapel. A few days prior to the wedding, we joined up with Eddie and **Susan Power Gallagher** at their home in Hyannis Port. How fun to see some familiar faces and places from Newton College! • Recently, the commercial law firm of Buckley King announced that **Dianne Foley** of its Cleveland office will become the leader of the firm's employment law practice. Dianne is one of only 126 Ohio State Bar Association board certified labor and employment law specialists. She is a member of the U.S. District Court Federal Advisory

Group for the Northern District of Ohio and has served as chair of the Cleveland Bar Association's Federal Court Training seminar for new admissions to the Northern District since 1996. Recently she published an article in the *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* titled "Pre-Employment Background Checks." For many years, *Cincinnati Magazine* has named her an Ohio Superior Lawyer. Congratulations, Dianne, on your accomplishments. • Got news? Correction: In our last issue, we mistakenly reported the passing of Peggy Burns Ludeke in 2009; in fact, Peggy died on January 19, 2010. We apologize for the error.

## 1970 REUNION 2010

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Hi, gang! I've lots talk about with our 40th reunion, but first I'd like to give a tip of the hat to **Bill Cain**, SJ, MDiv'76, recipient of the BC Arts Council Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement. Bill was the guest of honor at the BC's Arts Festival this year. He is a playwright and TV producer with a host of credits. I had an opportunity for a nice chat with him as we went over some of the highlights of his career and his memories of undergrad days. • Thanks to the hard work of the Reunion Committee, chaired by our president, **Mike Mingolelli**, our 40th class reunion was a smashing success. One of the first events was a 5K road race that started and finished near Bapst Library. Our own **Bill Fogarty**, up from his home in Atlanta, finished fifth overall, blowing away an untold number of younger runners. Among those he easily "smoked" were your favorite columnist and also retired Brookline Police Lt. **Peter Ehrlich**. Peter left the cold climes of Massachusetts a couple of years ago and is now a member of the North Miami Police Department. • It's now Dr. **Cornella: Janet Cavalen Cornella** received her PhD in education just a few days before the reunion. Janet is an assistant professor of education at Palm Beach Atlantic University. • **Jennie Chin Hansen**, recipient of an honorary BC degree in 2008, has finished her tenure as president of AARP and will be heading east from San Francisco to take over as CEO of the American Geriatrics Society in New York. • **John Bronzo**, JD'74, longtime head of the legal department of a division of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, has moved into a business development role with the company. • My law school classmate and good friend **Bob Flynn**, JD'73, has moved from his native Wellesley to nearby South Natick and has added talk show host to his busy law practice schedule. He hosts a Sunday morning talk show in Worcester dedicated to exploring legal topics. It just goes to show that despite our age and point in life, things are changing for a lot of us. • Couldn't help but get a rating on the dinner from our own "Top Chef" **Jim Gallivan**, who made his way up from Atlanta. He gave me some tips on how to rate buffet cuisine and gave the dinner high marks. • I'll have more to say in future columns, but let me close these memories of a joyous occasion with a final reflection. In a small room beside the

magnificent entrance to the mansion, the screen of a laptop computer continuously scrolled a much too long list of names and faces taken from our 40-year-old yearbook. A list that will inevitably grow—it does not shrink. Most of us stopped for a moment to reflect and remember a friend, an acquaintance, or a classmate we never really knew. Although we shall not again see their faces, hear their laughter, or just share their company, their spirit remains with us, as it will whenever we gather.

## NC 1970 REUNION 2010

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Reunion—so much to say, so little space! Thanks to...**Cricket Costigan** for convening us with her trademark grace, humor, and insight...**John, JD'74**, and **Patti Bruni Keefe** for sharing their elegant home, delicious food, and delightful children (special thanks to Paul for the background piano)...**Barbara Coveney Harkins** and **Meryl Ronnenberg Baxter** for organizing the reunion...**Rita Houlihan** for a thought-provoking session on women in the church...**Jack and Liz Scannell Burke** for turning their home into a mini-hotel to accommodate us...**Tec Manalac Jose** for traveling farthest to join us (from the Philippines), along with other long-distance travelers **Nancy Rocco Box** (Ft. Worth), **Harriet Mullaney** (Denver), and **Mary Ann Iraggi Barr** (Fargo, ND)...**Kay Vollmer Fitch** for entertaining us with her fictional bio ("I just finished my third novel last night")...those reflecting on SWC, including **Clare Angelozzi MacDonald** ("It gave us great vocabulary"), **Diane Twomey Berk** ("It gave me the edge at Trivial Pursuit"), **Karen LaRue Valencia** ("Where I learned to understand accents because most professors had them"), and **Lanie Odlum** ("If it were offered again, I'd be the first to sign up, and this time I'd read the books")...those who demonstrated it's a small world, including **Kathy Foley Twomey** (married to roommate Diane Twomey's brother) and **Nancy Riley Kriz** (caring for a sister benefiting from cancer treatments pioneered by **Nancy Durkin Orzem**)...**Julie McCarthy** for emphasizing, and exemplifying, graciousness...**Joan O'Callaghan** for being such a wonderful listener...**Terry Kindelan Taylor** for her optimistic outlook on life...**Carol DeLisi Muratore** for emphasizing the importance of home and family...**Tish McGuigan Connolly** for reminding us, "Time passes too quickly"...**Kate Reilly Corkum** for insights ranging from the spiritual to the practical (including terrific shopping tips)...**Jane Garvey Reilly** for sharing the joy of new love...**Kathy Sheehan** for planning relocation in DC (in my neighborhood!)...**Anne McDermott** for cogent Wall Street analysis...**Lois Cartnick Germano** for sending her able lawyer, Cricket, to represent her when she couldn't attend...**Ann Farrell** for also sending greetings through Cricket...**Jeanne Krisnow Barrett** for sending greetings via **Mary McAllister Fader**...**Kerry Kilcullen Carter** for greetings from St. Mary's School, where, as scholarship committee chair, she presented their award Reunion Weekend...**Barbara Cook Fabiani** for sending

greetings from Virginia...Jeanne Stansfield Provencher for thinking of this column when surrounded by alligators in the wild (way to think, Jeanne, though news needn't be life-threatening!)...Katie O'Shea McGillicuddy, Kathy O'Mara Fanning MEd'76, and Alison Youngs Caughman for representing us in Haiti...Jane McNamara Bieber for medical volunteer work in Mexico...Andrea Moore Johnson for tireless work on behalf of victims of clerical pedophilia...Justine Meehan Carr for becoming chief medical officer to transform struggling Caritas hospitals into a vision of excellence...Muriel Daley Schumacher for demonstrating how to stand up to the top brass...Joyce Verhalen Pandolfi for thanking BC for the structure that connects us...Marcia McGrath Abbo for suggesting a retirement support group...Penny Poor Dolara and Ginny Sughrue for enthusiastically endorsing retirement...Lynne McCarthy for the most accurate countdown to retirement...Ann Nethken Ehlers for reminding us about kindness to ourselves...and Joan Thompson Rogers for capsulizing the general sentiment by recounting how her freshman daughter can't wait for her own reunions to start because Joan finds reunions so special. • Thanks also to those who filled us in on career news: Interior design firm head Nancie Sullivan Chamberlain looked radiant; designing obviously agrees with her. Kate Whitty Logar has headed Stepping Stones Preschool in Hanover for 24 years. Her Web site photo gallery offers delightful views of happy children. Regina Mullen, a Delaware attorney, and Cathy Shortsleeve Miller, a BC business law instructor, retired to the same town on the Cape. Cathy Cronin Latourelle teaches computer graphics at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill. Lanie Odlum is the Washington Opera's HR director. Katchy Clarke-Pearson is a rural North Carolina pediatrician residing in Chapel Hill and one of only six hyphenated Clarke-Pearsons in the world (the other five being members of her immediate family). • Our weekend also included time set aside to remember our deceased classmates at Mass: Mary Donovan, Mary Pat Leece, Marcia Mahoney, Pam Moore, Carol O'Connor, Nancy Durkin Orazem, Marion Jones Petersson, and Kathleen Foley Sullivan. Please keep them in your prayers, along with Stephanie DelGuidice McEvily's mom, who passed away recently. • Finally, hats off to all who worked on Reunion Weekend! They are

true community-builders and succeeded in connecting us at levels that were both deep and sustaining. Patti Bruni Keefe summed it up: "The reunion was awesome. We sure have a stellar class, and multiple reunions are helping the bonds formed years ago to remain ever strong and grow even stronger.... You feel so lucky just to be able to be with each other, 'catch up' with each other's joys, and give an encouraging hug to someone who is going through a tough time.... Hopefully even more classmates will be able to join us for our 45th."

## 1971

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David Ries, JD'74, was honored at the 31st Annual Institute of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF) with the John L. McClaugherty Award for distinguished service to the legal profession, the natural resources industry, and the EMLF. David is a partner at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, where he focuses his practice in the areas of environmental, commercial and technology litigation, and technology law and chairs the e-discovery and records management practice group. • Joe Collins reports that Jim Riordan has now been with Johnson & Johnson for 38 years. He lives on Long Island, essentially in the same area where he grew up. Jim has been with his wife, Alice, since high school. When he finds a good thing, he stays with it! Jim and Alice enjoy spending time with their children, Amanda and Matt, and especially their grandson Jack. Jim is the commodore of the Hempstead Harbour Yacht Club, and he sails often to Newport, RI; Martha's Vineyard; and Block Island. • It is with sadness I report that Don Zak passed away in May after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer. He is survived by his wife, Kathy '72; his son, Andrew '05; and his daughter, Jennifer '09. His former roommates, Jim Riordan and John Dolan, attended his funeral in Cheshire, CT. Son Andrew gave a touching eulogy. Don was a genuine person who liked to laugh and who made and kept many friends. Our condolences to his family. • Our 40th reunion is next year. I look forward to seeing you there.

## NC 1971

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Eileen McIntyre recently enjoyed a serendipitous meeting with a fellow Newtonite. Eileen writes: "In May, I had the fortunate opportunity both to take a Mediterranean cruise with my husband, Roy Harris, and to meet a fellow Newton alumna who was happily on the same cruise. Elizabeth 'Dee' Bailey NC'66 is a delightful new friend, and we've already made plans to meet again over the summer for an event at Tanglewood." (To view a photo of the group during a stop in Provence, go to our class notes on the BC alumni online community.) Eileen continues, "Last fall, Roy and I celebrated the completion of our latest (and perhaps the last) renovation project on our home in Hingham. My three sisters and three brothers (joined by my now 90-year-old mom, Dorothy) visited Hingham to work together on our new front patio and garden area as a special gift just ahead of my 60th birthday—wonderful family fun! I am still head of corporate communications and investor relations at Cubist Pharmaceuticals in Lexington. Roy's book, *Pulitzer's Gold*, about the Public Service Pulitzer Prizes, came out in a paperback edition early this year, and he's been doing a lot of speaking gigs. Our sons are having exciting years: Jesse (28), a University of Chicago grad who lives in Queens, NY, with his significant other, the wonderful Vicki Raines, a Wellesley grad, signed on this spring as campaign manager for a candidate for New York State Assembly (Jeremiah Frei-Pearson); Dave (24), a Loyola Marymount (LA) grad, began a 27-month assignment with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica in March; and RJ (23) graduated in June from UMass Boston with a degree in psychology and, while looking for a permanent position, is working this summer at the Y camp and volunteering with the Good Samaritans suicide prevention hotline in Boston. We are very proud of our three young men." • During the April dinner of the Council for Women of Boston College, Beth (Cooney) Maher was awarded the CWBC Member Engagement Award, given to the member who has done the most to encourage other council members to expand their involvement in CWBC activities and to broaden their interaction with fellow council members. Also, Martie Kendrick, a founding member of the council, hosted a reception at her home in Chevy Chase, MD, on April 19.

## 1972

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I got some good news from BC this past spring: the hockey team won the national championship, the third in nine years for the great coach Jerry York '67, MEd'70, CAES'73; the basketball team has a new coach, Steve Donahue, who was outstanding in his previous job at Cornell; and best of all, we had our

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second straight quarter with no class obituaries! • I got a letter from **Tom Kiely**. He is the founder and president of XTERRA Corp. in Honolulu. He started the business by promoting some triathlons there about 20 years ago, and since then, the company has expanded to a point where it promotes such events worldwide and has added sportswear and footwear divisions. When I called, I learned that he's also the owner of a resort, the Hotel Lanai, and that he's had visits in recent years from **Gene Meehan** and **John Sacco**. Gene, an economist, has moved his consulting practice from the Washington DC area to Utah. John is a technology consultant in Santa Monica. • I received a message from **Francis Gormley**, who reports that his son Alexander graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maryland Law School. Francis, a resident of Maryland, had a recent visit from San Francisco businessman **Hank Malasky**. • Alan Kreczko reports that he's general counsel with the Hartford Financial Services Group and that he was on the cover of *CorporateCounsel* magazine, which described his department as the best of any in the United States. Alan keeps in touch with fellow New England residents **Marty Healy**, JD'75, a land-use attorney who is a partner in the Boston office of Goodwin Procter; **Rich Pavia**; **Bill Ingellis**; **Dave Auth**; and **John Conte**. • Matt Botica, a partner in the Chicago office of Winston & Strawn, is the co-chair of BC's *Light the World* fundraising campaign in the Chicago area and a BC trustee. Matt, a graduate of Harvard Law School, is a specialist in the field of bankruptcy.

## NC 1972

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Yes, our classmates provide a light to the lives of others. **Mary Catherine Deibel** has been working with On The Rise, a program for women who are homeless or living in crisis in Cambridge, Somerville, and Greater Boston, welcoming and providing lunch for up to 10 guests from OTR each month at her restaurant, UpStairs on the Square. She also contributes meals for homebound and disabled people through a community service program and recently hosted a daylong fundraiser for Haitian relief. • **Margot Dinneen Wilson** and I recently had coffee together. In addition to her realty work with Washington Fine Properties, Margot is on the corporate advisory board of So Others Might Eat (SOME), which provides hundreds of meals each day to hungry children, women, and men in the District of Columbia in the SOME dining rooms. • After working as a private individual on proposed legislation for two years, **Laurie Loughlin** rejoiced when the Good Samaritan Bill for Animal Rescuers passed unanimously through the Tennessee General Assembly. Governor Phil Bredesen signed it into law on April 16, making Tennessee only the second state in the nation to provide legal protection to Good Samaritans who help animals that are ill or injured.

(Illinois was the first.) The law provides immunity from civil liability to the animal rescuers, the veterinarians who treat the rescued animals, and the shelters that house them. Laurie reports that this was a very intense but worthy project. Contact her for further information. Laurie did this as a private individual! • Happy birthday to everyone who turns 60 this year. Take care and please send news.

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I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer. Unfortunately, I have no news to report this time. Please continue to encourage your friends and classmates who might have newsworthy items about family or their positions to send them to me. See you in the fall!

## NC 1973

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Nancy Warburton Desisto and I had a lovely lunch in Portsmouth, NH, overlooking the harbor. She has retired from the State of Maine and is focusing her work on the four acres of land surrounding her antique (1763) home in Boothbay Harbor. Her companion planting, called "forest gardening," is a technique that has been practiced around the world for centuries. She can boast about having apple trees, blueberries (Maine blueberries are the best!), sugar maples, and other greenery, each of which complements the other. "A work in progress," she says. Great to visit with Nancy—the dimples and big smile brought me back to 1973! • Jude Chimenti and I did not get a chance to share lunch last winter while she was here skiing with her son Matthew (13), but she came through on her promise to write. She cared for her dad, Joseph, for 11 years until his death last December at age 95. Matthew is involved in basketball and baseball and "he keeps me young!" she boasts. Jude hears from **Mary Doherty Ellroy**, MBA'78, her old roommate, and has been in touch with many old friends through Facebook. "I am always happy to hear from any old classmates because I still look back at my four years at Newton as the best of my life, until Matthew, of course." • Stephen and **Rusti Murphy Kitts** continue to live in Yardley, PA. Their youngest, Elizabeth, just returned from a semester in Rome through Loyola University in Chicago. Kathryn graduated from college in May, and Emilie '05 celebrated her fifth BC reunion in June. • A big thank you to Nancy, Jude, and Rusti for hearing my plea for news. I hope others will follow and make me happy for the next issue. My deadline will be August, so please share your summer fun with everyone! Note my new e-mail address: [jbbrouillard@aol.com](mailto:jbbrouillard@aol.com).

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Hi, all! I hope you are having a great summer. I could not even bribe anyone to send me news for this issue's class notes column! So, please take a few minutes to send me a note for the next issue. Thanks and take care.

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The Brookline community celebrated **Jody Shield**'s artistry in photography. I was fortunate to attend the opening of her photographic essays of Ireland, especially Northern Ireland, celebrating the people and also the poignancy of change. • Many thanks to **Alexandra "Andy" Abbott**, who e-mailed me to say hello and give an update for the class notes. Andy now lives in Laurel Hollow, NY, and works as a real estate agent for Prudential Douglas Elliman. Her daughter, Courtney, has an MA in journalism from Northwestern and now works as a pharmaceutical rep for Braintree Labs. Her son, Matthew, graduated from the University of Chicago and is now a 3L at William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, VA. Andy is an e-mail buddy of **Liz O'Reilly Chesarone** and **Pat Pacitti** and would love to hear from others. • So would your class correspondent. Please send me an e-mail, tell me your stories!

## 1975

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Our 35th Reunion Weekend was extraordinary! Classmates rekindled friendships, shared memories, and rediscovered dorm life in St. Thomas More Hall. This milestone was marked by numerous celebratory events beginning with Friday evening's alumni lobster bake and "A Night Under the Stars." Music and dance in the Quad adjacent to Gasson Tower set the tone for a perfect evening of cocktail and reminiscing. Reunion Mass in beautiful St. Ignatius Church with University President William P. Leahy, SJ, preceded the Saturday night celebration. **Kathleen Cantwell McCarthy**, **Laurie Nichols Cochran**, and yours truly served as ushers from the Class of '75. Classmates wined, dined, and danced the night away on Yawkey Way. • Our class has generously donated children's books to St. Columbkille School's library in Brighton. In the spirit of our Ignatian heritage, we hope the books will help inspire a lifelong appreciation of literature and learning. The elegant leather bookmarks we received are a memento of our reunion. Thank you, Laurie Cochran, for the time you spent planning and implementing this. • The 2010 Reunion Committee planners

were Kathie McCarthy, Jayne Saperstein Mehne, Laurie Cochran, Nancy O'Connor McCleary, Jayne and Steve Hammond, Kathy Bannan Magee, and Doug Nucatola. A grand time was enjoyed by all! The following Class of '75 classmates attended the festivities: Patricia Kavanagh Ainsworth; Elizabeth Walsh Alexander; Edward Allard; Patricia Colella Armstrong; Kathleen Donnelly Betts; Debra Posson-Burke; Thomas Cannon; Brett Capshaw; Cynthia Casemyr; Robert Casey; Claire Chapin; Mary Beth Cicero; Diane Zaar Cochran JD'78; Laurie Cochran; William Conley; Mary Patricia Conway; James Corrigan; Sharon McCann Daly; Mary Rose Noonan Delaney; Maureen Boller Delaney; Roseann Rubino DellaVentura; Dorothy DiPesa; William Donovan; Walt Fey; Paul Finstein; John Gauthier; Joan Geddes; Eileen Ginnetty MSW'86; Blake Godbout; Patricia Jordan Graeber MA'08; Walter Greaney MBA'84; Patrick Griffin; John Halcovich; John Hamilton; Paul Hannon; Sheila Harrington; James Healey; John Hueber; Joan Luise Hill; Patricia Nolan Hoover; Charles Hopkins JD'79; Janet Kiely Horrigan; Michael Hugo; Eileen Hyland; Ray Julian; Kevin Kane; Mary Kane; Timothy Kelly; Michael Kennedy; Thomas Kennedy; Thomas Kenny; Ardie Klement; Raymond Livingstone; Joanne Lombardi; Linda Flaherty Luce; Lawrence Lundy; Kathy Magee; Gail Massari; Thomas Masterson; Frank Mastrocola; Kathleen Cantwell McCarthy; Nancy O'Connor McCleary; Maureen McGann; Maureen Quinn McKenzie MSW'95; Peter McKenzie; Marc Melikian; Denise Sullivan Morrison; James Mortenson; Susan Darveau Murphy; Maureen Murray; Kevin O'Kane; Jane Lichman Oates; Dennis Orr; Christine Panson; Charles Patavina; Patrick Pepek; Mark Petrucci; Vincent Quealy; Janette Racicot MBA'79; Amaza Reid; Richard Rigazio; Frances Wirth Rush; Donald and Marilyn (Kullmann) Russo; Patricia Santangelo; Patrick Scannell; Steve Sheehan; Kevin Short; Brian Smith; Tony Sukiennik; Kathleen Sullivan; Stephen Turner; Lisa White; Timothy White; Jeffrey Wright; and Richard Zembruski MSW'80. • Jeanne Irving was recently named on the *Los Angeles Daily Journal's* Top Women Litigators list. Jeanne is an attorney at the boutique commercial litigation firm of Hennigan, Bennett, & Dorman, where she has been since its founding in 1995. She holds a JD from Harvard University. • Thank you, and I look forward to receiving more class news.

## NC 1975

REUNION 2010

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Thirty-five years! Everyone looks so much like herself, except maybe a little better, a lot more confident, so much wiser, and yet there we were, coming together again as if we had never left Centre Street! Francie Anhut came the farthest, from Boulder, CO. Suzanne Laskas and Joanne Manfredi came from Florida. I'm going to post a Newton '75 contact list, working from Joanne's address book. Anyone not in her book who wants to be included, e-mail me please. Some of us stayed on the BC

campus, some at downtown hotels, and others with local classmates. • Bob and **Kathy Hughes Morris** had a party on Friday night at their beautiful home in Concord—we had a fab potluck dinner, played Newton and 1975 Trivia (don't even ask!), and laughed it up. Present were Fred and **Mary Ann Young Horne**, Scott and **Debbie Kirby Sheperd**, Nancy Coughlin Ferraro MED'77, Mary Ellen Hackman, Sandy McDonald Jones, Rita Carbone Ciocca MBA'77, Juan and Barbara Saldarriaga, Dick and Lisa Antonelli DellaPorta, and **Kathy Curry Thibault**, as well as Joanne, Suzanne, and I. It was fun to see Josh and **Eileen Sutherland Brupbacher**, **Debbie Brennan Collins** MSW'78, and **Debbie Melino Wender** there, as they couldn't get to the dinner on Saturday. There was lots of picture taking; as photos get forwarded to me, I'll upload them to the Web site. • We gathered at Newton Country Day School on Saturday night for our class picture (egged on to smile by patient husbands and a loud chorus of "SWC!"), cocktails, and dinner. The Connecticut contingent was there in force! How much fun to see **Beth Reifers**, **Mary Ellen Quirk**, **Posey Holland Griffin**, **Ann Vernon Fallon**, **Karen Foley Freeman**, **Donna Stimpson**, **Dana and Helen Fox O'Brien**, **Joan Nash**, **Kim Lucchesi Marshall**, **Ann McCormick Hubbard**, and **Laurie Lawless Orr**! So many pretty faces and familiar voices! I love **Mary Jehling Meehan**'s laugh; it will be a memory that makes me smile for a long time! **Justine Osage Laugharn**, **Beth Walsh Alexander**, **Jim and Cookie Young Gilliam**—all the way from Illinois—**Betsy Costello Forbes**, **Eileen Amy Anna Stockein Frankel**, **Mary Beth Simpkins Wells**, **Tina Gavallér**, **Julie Sullivan Hahn**, **Chris and Carol Finigan Wilson**, **Lee Costello**, **Carol Fitzsimons**, **Mark '71** and **Jo Ann Hilliard Holland**, **Joanne McCarthy Goggins**, and **Shawn McGivern** all looked happy to be together again. It was a weekend of food and drink, shops and galleries. Most importantly, there was a roomful of women who met as teenage strangers and now feel comfortable enough to move around the room and spend a few minutes at any table. There were stories of classes and professors, dining hall disasters, and long lines for the showers on the day of a dance. There were the Cabot's and Langley's girls and those of us who worked at Chestnut Hill Mall (remember when it was so new and cool?). • Sunday morning brought a lovely and emotional reunion Mass in the chapel, where Newton women of many ages gathered to remember all of us, including those we have lost, in song and prayer. Brunch was in the student union, now refurbished, but as we walked by the mailboxes—"Oh, please let there be something from home today!"—we laughed at the thought that some things never change. • I am proud to report, on behalf of the 35th Reunion Gift Committee, that we were able to raise the \$25,000 from all of your generous contributions to fund the Newton College Class of '75 Scholarship in Honor of Sr. Frances de la Chapelle. The scholarship will ensure that a future BC student will enjoy many of the same experiences that we did at Newton. There were more than 60 contributions to this year's fund, up from 18 last year. Although de la was not able to attend Reunion Weekend (she had graduation at Stuart Country Day School in Princeton, NJ, where she is retiring as headmistress this year), she is

thrilled that we would honor her in such a lasting way. Thanks to all, and stay close to each other, ladies. Check the alumni online community for more details.

## 1976

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Last May, **Howard Weiner**, a professor of nursing education at Bunker Hill Community College, was nominated by one of his students for the *Boston Globe's* 8th Annual Salute to Nurses. After BC, Howard went on to earn an MS in health psychology and a PhD in community counseling from Ohio University; a BS in nursing from Salem State College; and an MS in psychiatric nursing from Northeastern University. • The Council for Women of Boston College reports that **Sue (Martinelli) Shea** is now the CWBC liaison to the Lynch School of Education, and **Maureen Garde** has joined the council as a member of the Initiatives Committee. In May, **Anita Cobb** co-hosted a special CWBC event at the Philip Johnson Glass House in New Canaan, CT, and **Kathy Powers Haley** co-chaired the women's lacrosse game and Meet & Greet sponsored by the council in partnership with the athletic department. Kathy also hosted a member reception at Willowbend Country Club in Mashpee on July 20.

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I hope your respective summers have brought sunshine and happiness! • **Kevin O'Malley** is pretty stoked about the fact that his daughter Mary Kate was admitted to BC's Carroll School of Nursing, Class of 2014. She will be the 16th(!) member of Kevin's immediate family to attend BC, starting with his dad in 1926 and including a nephew who is currently in the Class of '12. Kevin reports that, with four more children behind Mary Kate, he looks forward to attending many parents' events over the next two decades—also as his youngest is "projected" to be a member of the BC Class of '24—42 years after our graduation. • **Joan Crimlisk** was recently elected to the board of trustees of the Derry (New Hampshire) Public Library for a three-year term. Congratulations, Joan! • And finally, and sadly, two members of our class died this past March: **Christopher Manning** and **Susan Michele Gibba Squires**. I am sure you all join me in expressing our condolences to their families. • Please, please, please jot off a note

to me for the Fall issue about any and all goings on with you, family-wise, work-wise—or life-wise! Until then, good times.

## 1979

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"Summertime and the living is easy..." or so goes the song. The class correspondence, not so much. I did hear from Arthur Hassett, JD'82, who was elected president of the Plymouth County Bar Association. He practices in Brockton and also serves as a special assistant attorney general representing the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. • So maybe the time has come for me to hand over the mantle and let another interested soul take over for this mild-mannered reporter. Hmm? Give it some thought. I'm a big believer in term limits. Thanks for all your support over the past five years!

## 1980 REUNION 2010

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The Class of 1980 breaks all records! Our 30th Reunion Committee co-chairs, William J. Geary, Brien M. O'Brien, Richard P. Quinlan, MBA'84, JD'84 and Paul T. Vanderslice report: "Nearly 350 classmates celebrated the 30th anniversary of our graduation from Boston College.... Not only did we shatter the record for 30th reunion attendance by 150 people, but we also set an impressive new record for a 30th reunion gift: the Class of 1980 ended the year with 31 percent participation and a class gift of \$10 million (breaking the existing 30th reunion record by more than \$1 million)! We could not have met and exceeded our goals without all of you. We want to especially thank our great Reunion Committee of nearly 70 classmates, the 613 donors who participated in our class gift, and the 30 new \$10,000+ Gasson-level donors—the most of any reunion class. We are also thrilled that the Class of 1980 Scholarship Challenge was met, and that Paul and Lynne Vanderslice and Lou and Tammy Taylor will be matching the class's \$25,000 scholarship. Three Class of 1980 Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students this fall, one for each decade since graduation. We can't wait to do it again in five years, so please don't let that much time go by before you reconnect with fellow classmates and with BC." Classmates came from all over the nation—and many are now current and class of 2014 parents. Other groups represented were the football and rugby teams—including rugby team captain Eddie Barnes—and our fabulous reunion entertainment was our own Elliot Mouser Floating Blues Band (the Red House Band), with original members Chris Kelley, Pete Bosco, Brian Marra, and Ned Luboja '81 all playing in top form. And it is reported that Bill

Leary and Tom McManus are offering free dance lessons to everyone. • Rosanne Scott Potter married Dave Beveridge in 2008. They live with their four children in Twinsburg, OH. Rosanne recently joined Eaton Corporation in capital markets and is the 2010 founding chairperson for the Cleveland Circle of Red (American Heart Association) and a member of the executive leadership team for NE Ohio GO RED. Louis Provenzano Jr. is the godfather of Rosanne's son and recently attended the boy's First Communion. • Mary-Beth Murray, MSW'94, has been working as a school adjustment counselor at Somerville High School for 15 years. She lives with her two sons in Newton. • Cindy (Pangione) Traverso lives in North Andover with her husband of 25 years. They have two children: Katie (23), a graduate of the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst, works at Hanover Insurance, and Michael (19) is a freshman at Isenberg. Cindy and her two partners own two independent insurance agencies: MTM Insurance Associates in North Andover and MTM Brainerd Inc. in Billerica. • Georgina "Gina" Laidlaw Berger lives in Princeton, NJ, where she is deeply involved in the church. An empty nester, Gina has a son at boarding school, a daughter in college, and another child who works as a diver in the Caribbean. Gina helps many in her Spanish congregation, teaching ESL and conducting food and clothing drives. She's also involved with a refugee settlement and in animal rescue work. • Janet (MacLellan) Amico reports that she and Elizabeth (Mustone) Clavell, Carol (Wamness) Pacella, Jo-Anne (Ciampi) Bourque, Lena Caravaggio Kestner, and Judy Cronin, along with two women from the Class of '81, remain close friends. For years, this group had a "BC Club," and Janet attended its monthly meetings even when she was living in Asia (1983–1997). When she returned stateside permanently, her reentry into U.S. life was smoothed, thanks to having such dear friends. Janet writes that while the club now meets less frequently, "It's a connection we seek out, and it's lifelong. In the 30 years we've known one another, our BC Club members have witnessed life's joys and sorrows together. I can count on each one of them to be there for me and vice versa." Janet eloquently summarizes the feelings expressed by many of us attending the reunion. May we all take comfort in knowing that we have a lifelong connection with each other and for each other?

## 1981

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Norman White has been working at SuperMedia for the past eight years and was recently promoted to business operations manager, running the Search Marketing Services division in Waltham. His daughter Angela will attend UConn this fall. Norman still has BC season tickets for football and basketball, attending games with fellow classmate Bill Harmuth. Norman has sung the national anthem four times at BC basketball games. He says it's a bit of a departure from his regular singing gig

as lead singer of the classic hard rock cover band Time Warp, a gig he's had for the past 10 years (see [www.timewarprocks.com](http://www.timewarprocks.com)). • Bill Stephanos is another proud dad. His son Greg graduated from Baylor University last spring and will attend the University of Texas Dental School in the fall. Bill lives in Houston with wife Claudia and their three children, Greg (21), Jenna (9), and Brooke (6). • Brian O'Connell and Asterisk Animation continue their success. Asterisk recently created 25 minutes of animation for David Grubin's latest film, *The Buddha*. • Patty Cummins, MA'83, was named Middle-School Teacher of the Year in the Diocese of Arlington Catholic Schools in Virginia, where she teaches Spanish. Patty's second daughter, Deedee, graduated in May from Emmanuel College with a degree in psychology: counseling and health. Patty and Brian '82 still live in Northern Virginia but travel to the Boston area on a regular basis to visit family. • Barbara Baran, business development officer at the Holyoke Credit Union, received the 2010 Henry A. Fifield Award for Voluntary Service from the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce. Barbara is president-elect of the Holyoke Rotary Club, clerk and a director of Girls Inc., and a director of the Greater Holyoke YMCA. She is also involved in leadership positions with projects for the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society. Barbara and husband Fred reside in Holyoke and have three daughters. • It was great to reconnect at a tailgate before the BC-UVA football game last fall with Henry Thomas, who lives in Baltimore. The youngest of Henry's three daughters, Annie, will be in her second year at UVA this fall and is a talented midfielder on their women's lacrosse team. • My oldest child, Alli, graduated from UVA this past spring with a master's from the McIntire School of Commerce, and she is headed to San Francisco to work for the consulting firm Bain & Company.

## 1982

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Following the earthquake, John Hurley spent several weeks in Haiti for the U.S. Treasury Department. He was assessing the impact on the Haitian economy, particularly the financial sector and the government budget. He was able to follow the BC hockey team's road to the Hockey East Championship on the Internet. • Debbie (Wood) Gray's son Nathaniel has completed his freshman year at the University of New Haven in Connecticut, where he's majoring in fire science with a focus on arson investigation and criminal justice. Deb and husband Donald are starting to look at colleges again with a recent BC Eagle Eye tour with their high-school junior daughter, Emily, and sophomore daughter, Abby—who are both interested in BC or another Jesuit college. Their son Ian (7) is in first grade and enjoys karate and baseball. Deb has been working in the medical software field since BC; she currently works for a niche infection control/critical care software company as the Northeast regional manager. Deb recently had

## 1984

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Greetings to all! Here's the latest news. • Steve Ham now lives in the Denver area and recently visited BC with his son on his college tour. • Mary (Wolf) '83 and Kevin Loiselle live in the Chicago area and have two daughters. Sarah is part of BC's sesquicentennial Class of 2013, and Kevin and Mary enjoyed being back on campus for Parents' Weekend last fall. Their younger daughter, Jennifer, is a sophomore at Hinsdale Central High School and enjoys basketball and softball. Kevin is still in contact with classmates Mike Reilly, Bill Reilly, and Dany and Jeannette (Donnelly) Letourneau.

• Eileen Abbott, who worked as a TV news reporter, recently won the Richmond, VA, Road Runners Grand Prix Runner of the Year Award and the Spirit Award. Eileen's photos and results can be found at [www.rrrc.org](http://www.rrrc.org) under "Eileen." Eileen writes that her son Bobby, who has autism, is a junior at Clover Hill High and is looking at colleges. Bobby is a state No. 1 champion in math competition and has also won first place in a math competition for the Richmond region. He is a member of the math honors society Mu Alpha Theta and of the regional championship *Battle of the Brains* Academic Team, and he also tutors in math. Eileen's daughter, Morgan, is in middle school and may follow in her mom's footsteps as she loves to write and excels in photography. • In April, Thomas R. Suozzi joined Lazard Ltd. as a senior advisor after serving as Nassau County executive in New York. Earlier, Thomas had served as mayor of the City of Glen Cove, NY, for eight years. Prior to holding public office, he was an attorney at Shearman & Sterling, an auditor at Arthur Andersen, and a clerk to Judge Thomas C. Platt, chief judge of the Federal Court for the Eastern District of New York. • In May, Suzanne Troy Cole, a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, co-chaired the women's lacrosse game and Meet & Greet sponsored by the council in partnership with the athletics department. Suzanne also co-hosted a special CWBC event at the Philip Johnson Glass House in New Canaan, CT. • Thanks for the news, and please keep the updates coming!

## 1985 REUNION 2010

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Wow, what a fun 25th reunion! Over 300 graduates of the Class of 1985 gathered in a really hot tent on Bapst Library lawn on the evening of June 5. It felt like an August evening in Boston—lots of humidity and mosquitoes, old friends, cocktails, and summertime fun. Having missed the last reunion, I had a wonderful time seeing many great people. Ed Pla may have traveled the farthest, coming from Zurich, where he works for UBS

and lives with his wife, Laura Van Hagen Pla, and kids. Ed's brother-in-law, John Van Hagen, came from Dorchester, and John Vollino traveled from Richmond, VA, where he lives with his wife and two kids. It was great to see lots of old friends and some, including Cindy DuPuis Breen, who now lives in Rhode Island, were attending their very first reunion. It was great to see her, as well as Marnie Armstrong Weiner and her husband, Alex. Both Duke Maloney and Pam Risio attended from their hometown of Greenwich, where Pam's husband and Duke are both volunteer firefighters. Dianne Graham Steblaj traveled from Canada, and Mike King and Ken Roos flew in from sunny Southern California. Amy Fracassini was one of a group of local guests that also included Vin Sylvia, Jeff Thielman JD'92, Billy and Sue (Feeney) Sullivan and Tara McKenzie-Gilvar. Randy Seidl graciously hosted at his home a group of friends, including Bob Horne and Norton O'Meara. Norton unfortunately missed the Saturday evening event, but those who saw him on Friday night say he is doing very well. Carolyn McCahill McKigney organized a group to stay in the dorms, and rumor has it that the dorms were "rocking" after the Bapst tent closed down and the official party was over. All in all, it was a fun gathering of a great group of people. Special thanks and congratulations to both Scott Harrington and Randy Seidl for coordinating and leading our Reunion Gift Committee. Their time and effort on behalf of our class as well as that of all members of the Gift and the Reunion committees are greatly appreciated. • Have a great fall. Go BC!

## 1986

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Greetings to everyone in the Class of 1986! How is it that we are preparing for our 25th reunion? Time flies! I hope that many of you will be attending reunion activities throughout the coming months and that you all are planning on returning to the Heights in June for the 25th celebration! • It was great to see Kim and Chip Walsh and their children, MacKenzie (13) and Aiden (8), this summer. Chip is a partner in the law firm of Licari, Walsh & Sklaver in New Haven. His firm is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Chip practices labor and employment law. The Walshes live in Guilford, CT. • Ted Angelus and his wife have a new baby! Congrats to Teddy! • Tradition continues for Sheilah (Munsell) and Mike McCauley as their son is a freshman at BC this year! Congrats! • See you all on Reunion Weekend in June 2011!

## 1987

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Hi, everyone. I hope you're all well! • Congratulations to Marc Rollo, who has been elected by his fellow shareholders to the board of directors of Archer & Greiner PC, the largest law firm based in southern New Jersey. Marc,

dinner with some fellow '82 alumni and had these updates: Sue Gallant, a CPA with a master's in taxation, is celebrating 20 years of owning her own tax firm in Chelsea: Susan E. Gallant CPA, MST. They were joined by Katie Comerford, who is a senior IT manager at Fidelity and will be traveling to Mumbai, India, again this year to manage some of her overseas staff. Mary Ellen Flynn '81 also joined the friends for dinner. Pam Cugini-Giatras has been working at the BC Bookstore for years. Pam's daughter Amanda (23) got married last year and had a fabulous wedding and reception in Greece—in the same town where Pam met her husband, Taki, while on her junior year abroad! Pam and Taki have another daughter, Ava (11), as well. Donna Hofmann Emerzian married her college sweetheart, Steve, and they have a daughter, Jennifer, who is a senior at Southern New Hampshire University. Mary Ann Stamm Hare fulfilled her dream of becoming an attorney and has been practicing litigation law for several years in her own firm with her husband, Mark. They reside in Longmeadow. Paula Deakin lives in Dubai with husband Alec. Paula received her master's in library science and works at an international library in Dubai. She seems to love the hot, dry weather there!

## 1983

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In February, Alex Vaccaro was profiled in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* for his work helping victims of the earthquake in Haiti at Philadelphia's Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, where he is vice chairman of orthopedic surgery. Alex is also president of the American Spinal Injury Association and co-director of the Reconstructive Spine Service at the university's Rothman Institute. Read more at [www.philly.com/philly/news/homepage/84206852.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/homepage/84206852.html). • In April, Joan (Lopresti) Rees was named New Hampshire's Special Education Teacher of the Year. A teacher at Alton Central School for the past nine years, Joan provides preschool special education geared toward students ages three and four. Joan holds a degree in childhood education from BC and a special education teaching certificate from Granite State College, and she is now completing her master's degree in early childhood education in the University of New Hampshire's Preparing Excellent Teachers Program. • Carol Glod, PhD'95, a professor of nursing at Northeastern's Bouvé College of Health Sciences, lecturer in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and director of developmental studies at McLean Hospital, was appointed dean of Salem State's School of Graduate Studies in April. Carol, a resident of Bedford, is active in various national and community initiatives, including serving on the board of Families for Depression Awareness, a national organization that works to decrease stigma and help family members understand depression and its treatment. • Congratulations to Cathy Chermol, who won an Emmy last year for her contribution to the *Tyra Banks Show*.

who resides in Haddonfield, also serves as chair of the firm's petroleum industry practices group. • **Maureen Glennon Phipps** has been named vice chair for research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island. She is also an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology and community health at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Maureen earned her medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and her master's in public health from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. She completed her residency at Brown University Women & Infants Hospital and a fellowship in the University of Michigan's Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar Program. Maureen lives in Wrentham. • **Juli-Anne Evangelista**, MS'90, e-mailed that she received her doctorate in nursing practice from George Washington University in May. Her research focused on the innovative practice of pediatric nurse practitioner-run cardiology clinics: patient satisfaction and appointment access. She is currently a pediatric nurse practitioner in cardiology at Children's Hospital Boston and an adjunct professor in the graduate program at BC's Connell School of Nursing. • One final note: I recently launched my own talk show, *Cocktails for Everyone!*, on VoiceAmerica.com. It's heard nationally every Thursday at 5 p.m., EST. I'll be chatting with the most influential people in the beverage business today—the winemakers, distillers, brewers, chefs, mixologists, and authors—who will take listeners behind the scenes of top brands, restaurants, and bars, talking about the latest industry trends and what new cocktails, beers, and wines are on the horizon. • That's all for now. Please drop me a line when you have a chance.

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Celeste McMahon Shirvani checked in from her home in London, where she lives with her three kids. The family still gets to the States every summer to hit the Jersey Shore, where the kids are amazed that Mom knows all the words to "American Pie." Once again, Thursday nights at The Rat come in handy! Word to the wise, Celeste: If you meet anyone named Snooki, The Situation, or JWOWW down at the shore this summer, run away. • **John Gallagher**, MBA'90, was featured in a PSA about BC (a 30-second spot that ran during televised games throughout the 2009–10 season). When not appearing on television, John is an associate professor of information systems in the Carroll School. He and his wife, Kim (Roer) '91, had their third child, Lily, in June 2009. • **Sherman Leland** e-mailed from Novato, CA, where he lives with wife Marla and their three children. He runs a junior golf program called Total Golf Adventures that offers after-school programs, summer camps, and tournaments throughout Marin and Sonoma counties. Sherman recently heard from **Jim McDonnell**, who is living in London and is engaged in some ventures that may take him to the Middle

East. Jim is also training for the London Marathon! • **Kathy Coffey** wed L. Stephen Vincze, JD, LLM, MBA, on October 23, 2009, at the Church of Jesus Saviour in Newport, RI. A reception followed at OceanCliff Resort. **Barbara Cullen-Pasti** was a bridesmaid. **Beth (Halbardier) MacKinnon** and **Sue (Scanlon) Urrego** were guests. Kathy has been president of the Center for Business Intelligence for the past 12 years, while Steve currently serves as the national managing director of life sciences, Forensic and Dispute Services, at Deloitte FAS. Steve also had a distinguished career in the U.S. Marine Corps and was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. The couple reside in Boston and have a summer home in Narragansett, RI. • **Karyn Polito** has entered the race for Massachusetts State treasurer. Karyn, a state representative for Shrewsbury and Westborough for the past 10 years, is running with the message that she will build a strong foundation for a brighter future by following basic commonsense money management techniques. She announced her candidacy at the Omni Parker House in March. The Politos live in Shrewsbury. To learn more about Karyn's campaign, visit [www.karynpolitofortreasurer.com](http://www.karynpolitofortreasurer.com).

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Dineen Riviezzo is the new president of the Boston College Alumni Association. Dineen is also an active member of the Council for Women of Boston College. An alumna of Georgetown University Law School, Dineen began her career as a prosecutor and later served as a judge in the New York State Court of Claims. She is now a Bronx County Supreme Court justice.

## 1990 REUNION 2010

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Michael Monsour recently returned from two months in Haiti, where he served aboard the hospital ship USNS *Comfort* as part of the Navy's relief efforts there. His primary job on the *Comfort* was providing dialysis to crush victims of the recent earthquake. His permanent duty station is in the Norfolk, VA, area, where he lives with wife Sharon and their son, Daniel. He currently works at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, where he is chief of nephrology. • **Christy Schwarz Schultze** finally had an opportunity to read the Winter issue of *Boston College Magazine* uninterrupted as she recovered in her hospital bed, following the arrival of her fifth child, Eloise, on May 13. Other moms will appreciate the holiday-like aspect of this type of hospital stay! Christy enjoyed a visit from **Kerry Dinneen**, MA'96, and daughter Raine, and Kerry and

Dinneen also visited **Deena DeMasi**, who was recovering from a bone fracture. Speedy recovery! Christy added, "I'm sad to miss our 20th reunion, since reconnecting with so many friendly '90 faces on Facebook has brought back so many fond memories of our days on the Heights. See you at our 25th!" • Speaking of our recent reunion, please send in your stories and news to share in the next issue!

## 1991

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I hope you enjoyed a fabulous summer and caught up with your friends from BC! Send me a quick note with an update of your summer adventures! • **Ray Vaillancourt** and his wife, Megan Quinlan, welcomed a son, Andrew Vaillancourt, on June 8, 2009. They live in Roslindale, and Ray is a lieutenant in the Cambridge Fire Department, assigned to Engine 3 in East Cambridge. He's still working on figuring out what he will be when he grows up! • **Troy Bracher** brought his three sons—Jack, Christian, and George—out to Hanscom Air Force Base to see the CH-53E helicopters flown in by Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461 in support of Marine Week Boston. HMH-461 is commanded by Troy's friend Lt. Col. **Sean Salene**, and the Bracher boys enjoyed meeting with the Marines. Despite Sean's hopes, it doesn't look like the visit has swayed the boys' mom, **Elizabeth (Renick) Bracher**, MA'95, PhD'04, to back any future enlistments. Sean and his squadron had just returned from Haiti, where they participated in Operation Unified Response, the humanitarian relief mission conducted in response to the devastating earthquake in January. Sean and his Marines left home base on 72 hours' notice and then spent three months as part of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit delivering food, water, and aid and supporting international efforts to help alleviate the suffering of the Haitian people. Thank you to Sean and his Marines for all they do! • Congratulations to **Greg Sarian**, who was recently named to *Barron's America's Top 1,000 Advisors*: State-by-State list in February. Greg is first VP, investments, and wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch Private Client Group. In addition to working with clients, Greg is an instructor at Merrill Lynch's corporate headquarters, where he helps train new financial consultants. Greg also serves on various committees at the Church of the Savior, and recently his team organized and sponsored a fundraiser for the CityTeam Ministries, helping the homeless in the Philadelphia area. He and wife Laurel live in Malvern, PA, with their children, Elizabeth, Christian, and Grace. • Congratulations to **Jaime Crowley**, MA'96, who received a \$25,000 Milken Educator Award in May. It was presented in Santa Monica, CA, at an awards dinner and ceremony, hailed as the "Oscars of Teaching" by *Teacher Magazine*. Jaime is an assistant principal at Mount Hope High School in Bristol, RI.

## 1992

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Mike Callanan recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan as the commanding officer, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Their primary mission was to find and remove improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the Helmand River valley. Mike will attend the National War College this summer in Washington DC. He and his wife, Jill, have two sons, Max (8) and Jack (3). • **Christa (Hainey) Cormier's** third son, Carson Robert, was born on August 30, 2008. The family also moved cross-country this past November, from Massachusetts to Saratoga, CA, where they are enjoying the nicer weather! • **Cindy Abella** recently married Timothy Shanley. They spent their honeymoon in South Africa on a safari and also visited the Seychelles—the most beautiful beaches ever, they report! Cindy works at Schick-Wilkinson Sword (a division of Energizer) as a global business director, and Tim is the president of Celebration Foods, the manufacturer of Carvel, M&Ms, and Snickers ice-cream cakes. The couple live in Fairfield, CT. • **Shawn DeRosa** recently moved to State College, PA, and accepted the position of manager of aquatic facilities and safety officer for intercollegiate athletics at Penn State. He continues his consulting and expert witness work with DeRosa Aquatic Consulting, focusing his efforts on drowning prevention and aquatic risk management. Shawn was again selected by the American National Red Cross to help revise the American Red Cross Lifeguarding Program, scheduled for release in 2011. • It is with sadness that I report the passing of **Cynthia Byrd-DiBenedetto** of Middleton on February 8. Please read her obituary at <http://weirfuneralhome.com>. Our thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones.

## 1993

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**Michael J. Atwood's** new book, *HiStory of Santa Monica*, is now out and available for purchase. Michael, an English and secondary education major at BC, earned a master's degree in professional writing from the University of Southern California in 2004. For more information, visit [www.aqueousbooks.com/publications.htm](http://www.aqueousbooks.com/publications.htm) or <http://mjtatwood.com>. • **Chris Woods** has been accepted into the Harvard Kennedy School's Mid-Career Master in Public Administration program. He will remain in his current position as head of Google's Boston direct sales office. Chris was recently featured on New England Cable News's *CEO Corner*.

## 1994

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Things have been quiet from all of you. Please take a few moments to write a quick e-mail and share some news! • In December 2009, editors of the *ABA Journal* selected e-Lessons Learned as one of the top 100 blogs by lawyers, for lawyers. "E-Lessons Learned" was founded by our own **Fernando Pinguelo, JD'97**. • In 2009, former advertising executive **Navyn (Datoo) Salem** founded a new non-profit, Edesia. The organization produces nut pastes such as Plumpy'nut and Nutributter that were formulated to fight malnutrition in children, and this past June, Edesia directed its efforts to Haiti, where its food supplements were distributed by the World Food Programme to help people in need. In May, Navyn was named on *Providence Business News*'s list of Women to Watch. • Oklahoma City lawyer **Ryan Leonard** is running as a Republican candidate for state attorney general. Ryan, who holds a law degree from the University of Oklahoma, served on the staff of former U.S. Senator Don Nickles and was an assistant district attorney in Canadian County, OK. • That's all, folks. I'm looking forward to getting some more submissions for next time around!

May, qualifying for the Ironman World Championship in Kona, HI, this October. He was joined in Brazil by his wife, Debbie, and children Shepard (4) and Dahlia (1). Scott is the CEO of Horst Engineering in East Hartford, CT. Scott chronicles his sporting, travel, and business adventures on his blog, [www.scottlivingston.net](http://www.scottlivingston.net). • Finally, thanks go out to Reunion Program Committee members **Jennifer Aquino, Kristen D'Amato Mazzocchi, Steve Deroian, Amy Driscoll, Michelle Fay, Rachel Finkle JD'00, Kellie Innocenti, Trisha Nugent CAES'01, Roshan Rajkumar, and David Shapiro!**

## 1996

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Joseph and **Kimberly (Galligan) Cicala** welcomed daughter Ellen Claire to the family on October 6, 2009. Ellie joins big sister Kayleigh (6) and big brother Louis (5). The Cicalas live in Cedar Grove, NJ. • **Joseph Janezic** and Amy Snyder '98 were married on October 24, 2009, at St. Ignatius. Many alums attended, including **Michael Abbate, Ian Breen, Christian Doheny, John '99 and Lisa (Auriemma) McGrory '98, Josh '98 and Ada (Penabaz) Lewendon '98, Steven Kim '98, MA'99, JD'00, Stephen Sobhi '98, Alicia Doble '98, Mary Buttarazzi '98, Jennifer Saenz '98, Larissa (Huskins) Wilson MBA'03, Patrick Mulligan '93, James '00 and Kristina (Konnath) Maher MSW'01, Judith Lyons JD'99, Masai King JD'96, and Matthew Feeney '00, JD'03**. Amy is a VP of marketing at Frontier Capital Management in Boston, and Joe is a prosecutor and deputy chief of the Gang Unit in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. The couple live in Brighton with their golden retriever, Tedy. • **Rob and Kristen (Peters) Bierwirth** welcomed twins, Kimberly Ann and Joseph Robert, on November 29, 2009. The babies were born eight weeks premature but are now in good health. • **Christy and Matt Keswick** welcomed a son, Anderson Ellsworth, on April 21, 2010. The Keswicks, who live in Marina Bay in Quincy, are doing well. Matt runs a consulting company, and Christy works for the nonprofit Good Sports, which donates athletic equipment to at-risk and disadvantaged youth. • **Jim Roth** and his wife, Shane, welcomed a son, Nathan English Roth, on May 17, 2010. The family lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. • **Sue McMullen Cushing** has opened a yoga studio, Your Element Yoga, in Sudbury. When she isn't instructing her clients in the proper posture for the downward dog, she is often taking care of her three kids, Sam (6), Abby (5), and Ryan (2). • Finally, **Robby Reyes** married Mae Brana in June 2009. • Congrats to all!

## 1997

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Eric '98 and **Meredith Byrne Lussen** welcomed their son, John "Jack" Byrne Lussen, on Feb-

ruary 15. The family lives in Dallas. • Elise Morrissey launched her own interior design firm, Morrissey Saypol Interiors, in January. The firm is based in New York City and welcomes residential projects throughout the United States. Visit [www.morrisseysaypol.com](http://www.morrisseysaypol.com). • Fenwick and Jen (Wahl) Garvey welcomed their firstborn, twin boys, on September 3, 2009. Collin and Declan proudly wore their Boston College caps during their hospital stay. Their proud parents can't wait for them to visit BC for a football game. • Jed Clevenger is thrilled to announce his marriage to Kristy Duvall. The couple got married at the Mountain Winery in Saratoga, CA, on May 2. Although Kristy graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder, she is now an honorary Eagle. Other BC Eagles from the Class of 1997 in attendance included Matt O'Brien, Scott Symon, Charlie McEachron, Brian O'Meara, and Mike Krepick, all with their respective spouses—honorary Eagles. • Jenn (Klingler) '99 and Tristan Jordan welcomed their second child, Tess Ann, on April 1. Tess joins big brother Tyler (2). The family lives in Norwalk, CT.

## 1998

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Meredith (Byrne)'97 and Eric Lussen are proud to announce the birth of their son, John "Jack" Byrne, on February 15 in Dallas. • Lisa Hart and Paul Moore were married on October 11, 2009, at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church in Waltham. A reception followed at the Oakley Country Club in Watertown. Members of the Class of 1998 in attendance were Christina (Weber) Enticknap, Chris DeAngelis, and Laura Bryant. Erin (Frey) Pearson '99 was also in attendance. Since receiving both her BA in elementary education and her MEd in special education from BC, Lisa has been teaching elementary school in the Newton public school system. • Jessica (Passaretti), MEd'99, and Karl Kemp, MBA'05, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Susannah Grace Kemp, on December 30, 2009. Susannah joins big brothers Jimmy (4) and Daniel (2). The Kemps live in Newton. Karl is now launching his own software company. • John '99 and Lisa (Auriemma) McGrory welcomed their third child, Jack Thomas, into the world on December 1, 2009. Big sister Alexis and big brother Shane are taking good care of Jack. The family is still living in Dix Hills, Long Island, and Lisa is working as the assistant VP of finance and controller of The Garden City Group, Inc. • Bill and Kerianne (Barbour) Maloney welcomed a son, William Matthew, on February 23. Matthew joins his older sisters Grace (4) and Maggie (1). • Erin, MA'01, and Michael Terry are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, Ryan Michael, in October 2009. Mike recently earned his MS in environmental management through the University of Maryland and is still serving in the Army, while Erin is working as a child and family therapist. They currently reside in Sunapee, NH. • In May, I decided to leave the working world and become a full-time mom to my two

## YOUTHFUL EXPRESSION

**M**iddle school can be remembered with both fondness and dread, and Erin Dionne '97 knows how to weave a narrative from that contradiction.

Over the past two years, Dionne has written a pair of popular books—*Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies* and *The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet*—that feature young girls whose amusing struggles have resonated with a growing audience of devoted readers.

Her eighth-grade heroines encounter a series of embarrassing, but enlightening, situations—one is entered into a beauty pageant without her knowledge, while the other finds herself in the same class as her precocious seven-year-old sister.

Though her stories feature what Dionne calls "emotional truths" drawn from her middle school days, her aim is not merely to recount her own experiences. "It's all about creating interesting characters," she says, "and following them so readers can learn from them, grow with them, and ultimately take away what's relevant to their own lives."

Her third novel, *Elsie Wyatt Hates Loves Marching Band*, will hit bookstores in fall 2011.

Below, Dionne tries her hand at nonfiction:

### WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Seeing my first book on bookstore shelves.

### IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

The birth of my daughter, Charlotte Poe, in 2008.

### WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

There are so many good ones—from traveling with the band to bowl games and the NCAA tournament to hanging out with my roommates in Edmonds Hall.

### WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

To write two more books this summer.

### WHAT IS ONE THING EVERYONE SHOULD DO WHILE AT BC?

Take a class outside of your comfort zone as a junior or senior.

### HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I hope I haven't changed too much! I think I'm less anxious about what the future holds. I've found that if you work



Author Erin Dionne has her young audience turning pages.

hard and are a good person, everything typically turns out okay.

### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND BC?

My family lived in California when I applied to colleges, and I wanted to go to a Division I school on the East Coast. When I stepped onto campus, I thought, "This is what college is supposed to look like."

### WHAT IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

Perseverance and taking risks. Without taking risks (and being willing to fail), you'll never realize your dreams.

### WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

Bapst Library. It's everything a university library should be—beautiful, quiet, inspirational, and Gothic.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE BC PRESIDENT FOR A DAY?

Spend time on the Dustbowl talking to students and boost the budget of the bands program!

girls, Lillian (3) and Eleanor (1). I am very excited about this big change and am busier than when I was working! • Have a wonderful autumn, everyone! Please keep sending your updates—I will respond to everyone who sends information, so if you don't hear from me, that means I did not get your e-mail. Please don't hesitate to e-mail me again or to contact me on Facebook. I want to make sure I include all your updates. Thank you!

## 1999

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Hello, Class of 1999. I hope everyone is doing well and having a fantastic summer. I look forward to catching up with many of you at the football games this fall. Here are some updates from our classmates. • Sarah and **Michael Ingoldsby** welcomed their first child, Lily Margaret, on March 28. • Meredith (Simon) '01 and **David Campbell** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Jane, on March 23. • **Scott and Stacey Salko Cirillo** welcomed their third child, Maxwell Andrew, on May 16. Max joins big brother Zach (5) and big sister Abby (3). Stacey and Scott live in Mendham, NJ, and work in the Morristown area. • **Terry Kerr** has opened the first retail location of his men's clothing company, Henley & Sloane, on Nantucket. It is located at 18A Federal Street. If you are on the island, stop by and say hello. • **Emily (Spitser) and Sean Ritter** welcomed a second baby girl, Elizabeth Louise, on January 29. Emily, Sean, Elizabeth, and big sister Catherine are all doing well. They live in Westfield, NJ. • **Meg Quinn Beardsley** welcomed a son, Harry Judson Beardsley V, on May 1, 2009. He shares his birthday with his sister Jillian Aliz, who was born on May 1, 2006, and joins Caolainn Quinn, who was born in 2004. Meg is currently teaching Spanish and ESL at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, CT. • **Robin Puccio Horrigan** is writing a column titled "Cooking from the Carpool Lane" for the blog of an Internet start-up based in Cambridge. Plummelo is a Web site for busy cooks: a free place to store all your favorite online recipes, create meal plans and shopping lists, and share with an online community.

Visit the blog at [www.plummelo.com](http://www.plummelo.com) and join Plummelo for free! • Kabir and **Rebecca (Foy) Sen** welcome their first child, Eva Rose, in January. • **Meaghan Dalton**, MEd'00, is teaching Spanish at Marist School in Atlanta. This summer, she has also been performing in classical ballet and contemporary dance with the dance company Artists without Borders. • **Sandi (Nagy) and Sean Sinclair** welcomed their second child, Ashely Josephine, on December 28, 2009. Along with son Zach (3), they live in Arlington, VA. • Thanks again to all who have sent in updates. I look forward to hearing from more of you soon.

## 2000 REUNION 2010

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Hello, members of the Class of 2000. It was amazing seeing so many of you at our 10th reunion. For those of you who weren't able to make it, know that you were missed. **Alison Ball** married Stephen Bryan on October 24, 2009, in Salem. The couple live in Cohasset. • **Timothy and Melissa Bellizzi Carolan** welcomed their first child, Ella Rose, on June 10, 2009. They celebrated their fifth anniversary in May and are living in Merrimack, NH. • **Cody and Carrie Hargreaves Smith** welcomed their first daughter, Taylor Lowndes Smith, on June 21, 2009. Taylor joins her big brother, Connor, in the family's Columbia, SC, home. • **Liz and Andrew Curran**, along with big sister Anna, welcomed the birth of Bridget Matheny on November 12, 2009. Also, Andrew was appointed to the board of directors for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Cincinnati. • On December 11, 2009, **Steve and Natalie (DiCostanzo Rini)** welcomed their first child, Grace Cassidy. • **Mike and Lindsey (Doering) Mahanna** welcomed their first child, James George on December 13, 2009. The Mahannas live in Washington DC, where Lindsey is an accountant at a nonprofit. • On January 18, **Kerri (Demers), MSW'05**, and **Steve McManama** welcomed a baby boy, Connor, who joins his older sister, Caroline (3). • **Rob and Heather Ratliff Conroy**, MAT'06, welcomed their first child, Lucy Ratliff, on February 24. • **Rob and Melyssa Belletti Taylor** welcomed their first child, Abigail Rachel, on

March 4. • **Tom and Danielle Basso Sly** welcomed their second child, Paul Louis, on March 12. Paul joins big brother Henry in their San Francisco home. • **Scott and Kimberly Arbuckle Goodwin** welcomed their daughter, Reese Catherine, on April 22. The Goodwins currently live and work in New York City. Congratulations to all! • What an amazing success our reunion was! Thank you to all the members of the class who helped fundraise and plan for the event and for the whole year. As a class, we raised over \$200,000 and had more than 740 donors—and we had more than 500 people attend our class party! • Keep up the wonderful updates!

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**Patricia Ryder** wrote to announce her marriage to Scott Larson on September 6, 2009. The ceremony and reception were held at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, overlooking Lake Michigan. Classmates in attendance were **Melissa Betts**, **Katie Burke**, **Cindy (Evans) Cash**, and **Ellie Knight**. Members of the wedding party included Patricia's brothers, **Bill Ryder** '02 and **Steve Ryder** '06. **Jackie Roche** '08, MEd'09, was also in attendance. Patricia and Scott met at New York University, where they attended law school and received their JDs in 2005. They reside in New York City and are practicing attorneys.

## 2002

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**Danny Dammrich** and **Maryanne Bradford** were married in 2007 and now live in Miami, where Danny is a first-year resident at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Danny graduated from Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine in June 2009. Maryanne is an account supervisor at the La Comunidad advertising agency in Miami. • Congratulations to **Jonathan and Jennifer (Overbeck) Farina**, who welcomed Ethan Thomas into the world on March 13. • **David D. McGowan** and **Merritt Dattel** (Colgate University '02) were married on May 15 in Greenville, MS. In attendance were David's father, Peter McGowan '69, and 2002 classmates **Ryan Mulderrig** MA'10, **Omar Kazimi**, **Steven LeBlanc**, **Stephen Della Penna**, **Theos Stamoulis**, **James Evans**, **Colleen Kelly** MSW'07, and **Erin McNamara**. The couple currently reside in South Boston.

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Pauline and **Benedikt Goetz** welcomed Matilda Maria Goetz to the world on June 23, 2009, in

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# ISABELLE ABRAMSON '07

## ONE PIECE AT A TIME

The practical side of Isabelle Abramson '07 led her to study nursing at Boston College, while the dreamer in her reveled in the ceramics electives she took at the Heights.

Upon graduation, she became a school nurse, but—as an aspiring artist—she worked nights and weekends developing a signature style of porcelain design that “incorporates patterns of negative space into functional works of art.”

Now, Abramson only occasionally serves as a substitute school nurse and spends most of her days in Boston’s South End, perfecting her craft in her loft studio in a converted nineteenth-century mill.

She’s become known for her finely crafted white porcelain bowls and vases with striking organic patterns and delicate openwork. Most designs take three to four hours to make, and larger pieces need up to 15 hours each. Abramson is also developing ceramic pendants and table lamps similarly inspired by forms in nature.

“I work on one piece at a time,” she says, “and I’m completely engrossed in weighing what the material can handle while making sure the design of the piece is the main focus.”

Her creations were featured in *Boston Globe Magazine* this spring and have also received positive buzz from *Boston Home* magazine. Abramson opens her studio by appointment, and her works can be viewed at [www.isabelleabramson.com](http://www.isabelleabramson.com).

Below, Abramson finds another means of expression:

### WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

The rare instances when I meet someone who has “heard of me.” It always blows my mind. I’m thinking, “I haven’t heard of me!”

### IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

I’m in love with the gardens I tend outside of work.

### WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

I think walking out of my last final at the end of nursing school was one of the most completely satisfying moments of my life.

### WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

I’d like to add a few more products to my collection and refine some of the designs I’ve been using.

### WHAT IS ONE THING EVERYONE SHOULD DO WHILE AT BC?

Go to a football game.



Isabelle Abramson balances form and function in her ceramics.

### HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I am much more self-confident and optimistic.

### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND BC?

I think, initially, BC’s campus was what drew me.

### WHAT IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

Find the thing that you would do if you had no material needs.

### WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

The rooftop of the Beacon Street Garage. As a commuter student, I would sit in my car on the roof and listen to music before class.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE BC PRESIDENT FOR A DAY?

I’d have everyone go into the city and volunteer for a day.

London. The family is doing very well. • John Patrick Foody married Gina Stamuli on October 10, 2009, at St. George Cathedral in South Boston. Groomsmen included Dan Cahill MBA’08, Greg Goodman, Billy Harrison, and Steve Harutunian MS’04. Bridesmaids included Saramarie (Foody) Bittmann ‘99, MA’03; Suzanne (Foody) Toner ‘01; Katie (Foody) Proulx; and Beth Pollock ‘00. Other BC alumni in attendance included Ryan Baylock, Daniel Bonjour, Justin DaGraca, Anthony Riguardi, Beth (Milewski) Goodman, Kelly Holland, Bob Kalas, Kate Simpkinson ‘05, Matthias Schildwachter, Katie DellaPorta, John Ian Kimball ‘02, Brian Bittmann ‘99, Mike Argyelan ‘72, and Kenneth Kimball MEd’68. John and Gina currently live in Philadelphia. • Anne DaSilva married Scott McGrath on September 6, 2009, in Newport, RI. In attendance were several BC alums, including Julie (McSweeney) Curti, Michael Sarette, Karen (Updaw) Thorpe MEd’08, Dan Thorpe, Michelle (Martini) Sanchez, Heather Kusmierz, David Soo MA’05, Justin Schwarz MEd’03, Kevin Werner, Pam (Longar) Clifton, Britt (Frisk) Pados, Matt Pados, Pete Cannistraci, Nita Kolstad, and Trevor and Gina (De Stefano) Swanberg. The couple plan to move from New York City to San Francisco this summer. • Kathryn Gilmore and AJ Bedel ‘02 are happy to announce their marriage on October 10, 2009, in Pasadena, CA. Fellow Eagles who partied with the couple were Mital Raythattha, Gajan Sivananthan, Archana Patel, Adam Kalt ‘05, Brian Davis ‘02, Paul Tamburro ‘02, Isabel Shen ‘02, Kevin Shah ‘02, Anand Shah ‘02, Andrew Nazar ‘02, Nick Watt, Kristen Nazar ‘04, Jackie Rohrer ‘02, and Ed Nazar ‘71. AJ is a lawyer with Quinn Emanuel, and Kate is a zookeeper at the Los Angeles Zoo. • Erin Herbig is running as a moderate Democrat for the District 43 seat in the Maine House of Representatives, representing Belfast, Belmont, and Northport. In March, Erin began working in community outreach for Belfast-based Maine Farmland Trust, a statewide land trust that focuses on preserving farmland. She and her husband, Josh Povec, live in Belmont. • Happy summer to all!

## 2004

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Jade Brown is working in Mali as a Catholic Relief Services business development and strategies manager. • In May, Jane Duket graduated from the Roger Williams University Law School in Rhode Island. She was a member of the Alliance and the Association for Public Interest Law and a student attorney for the RWU Law’s Community Justice Clinic in Providence. She also served as a judicial extern for the Hon. Timothy Hillman in Worcester, as a legal intern for the Family Court Division in Providence, and as a Rule 9 student attorney for the Office of the City Solicitor in Pawtucket. • Robert Harper was honored for his volunteer efforts supporting the Suffolk County Bar Association, where he serves as chair of the Membership Benefits and Services Committee. Robert, who earned his JD from Hofstra University School of Law, is an associate at Farrell Fitz, PC, in Union-

dale, NY. • Brendan Housler won the 2010 Philly Phlyer Circuit Race in March. • In February, Noah Patel, MEd'05, was the recipient of the Sontag Prize in Urban Education, which recognized him as an exemplary math teacher in the Boston Public Schools. • David Della Penna married Jennifer Curcio on August 8, 2009. They met during the first week of freshman year in Duchesne West. Christine Hughes-Pontier '03 was the matron of honor; and Julie Walsh Messinger, MA'06, and Tina Corea '06 were bridesmaids; and Stephen Della Penna '02 was a groomsman. Other 2004 alumni present included Chris Ciano, James Cooper, Joe Federico, Andrew Kelley, Ryan Pontier, and Martin Stezano. Also attending were Danielle Corea '10, Tony DiMeo '06, Karina Chamorro Pearlin '03, Anne Cooper Pratt '05, and Stephen Pratt '05. • Matt '03 and Kristen (DeBoy) Caminiti, MSW'05, welcomed Ryan James DeBoy on January 7. Kristen and Matt live in Crofton, MD, and are enjoying life with their littlest BC fan. • Marika Beaton recently accepted a position at Harvard University as project manager for Allston. • Please continue to send me updates!

## 2006

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Classmates, some not-so-breaking news: We are rapidly approaching our fifth year away from campus. You know what that means: it's almost time to head back to the Heights—the Class of 2006 will soon be celebrating our first official class reunion! Michael Cianchette, Dave Levy, Natalie Caruso, and Colleen Crowley are taking the lead on some of the reunion efforts and would love help from classmates who might be interested! Please contact Mike Cianchette (michael.cianchette@gmail.com) or Dave Levy (levydr@gmail.com) for more information and to become involved. • Ben Adams was married to Sarah Morgan on September 26, 2009, in Lake George, NY. Groomsmen were Joseph Woodfield and Patrick Mulhearn. • Bridget Doherty, MS'07, is thrilled to announce her recent decision to partner with chef friend Ginna Haravon to grow Salted Caramel LLC. The two are working in Chicago and spreading sweet and savory treats to the nation! Salted Caramel's first product, Bacon Bourbon Caramel Corn, has been all the rage, gaining nationwide press and attention. Check out Bacon Bourbon Caramel Corn at [www.SaltedCaramel.net](http://www.SaltedCaramel.net)! • Matthew Putorti, a third-year student this fall at Fordham University School of Law, has been selected as editor-in-chief of the *Fordham International Law Journal*. The journal is the fourth-most-cited international student-run legal periodical in the United States.

## 2007

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In May, Mairin Lee graduated from the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco with an MFA in acting. She has appeared on the ACT main stage in *Phèdre* and *A Christmas Carol*. Her other Bay Area credits include *The Farm*, with the Shotgun Players, and *Pericles*, with the California Shakespeare Theater. This summer she will play Alais in *The Lion in Winter* at Shakespeare Santa Cruz. • Cameron Hosmer and Emily Bowen were married by former BC faculty member Fr. Daniel Sweeney on January 2 in St. Ignatius. Alumni groomsmen were Christopher Rosser, Andrew DeGiorgio, and Jason Fleming. Other alumni in attendance were Jessica Nixon, James Holland, Monica Donahue Phariss, Scott Nitz, Stephanie Lyndon, Noelle Troccoli, Anne Marchessault, Duri Chitayat, Meghan Benedetto, Daniel Meenan '08, and Lora Mead '06. Cameron and Emily live in Germany, where Cameron was preparing for deployment to Afghanistan this summer with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. • Stephanie St. Martin finished her master's degree in philosophy this year at Boston College. She also was published recently in a book titled *The Red Sox and Philosophy: Green Monster Meditations*. She wrote Chapter 19 ("In Sync with Pink?"), in

which she discusses the pink hat fans and whether or not they should be accepted as a part of Red Sox Nation.

## 2008

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Kristin DiCenso recently accepted a new position as a software consultant in Austin, TX. She has also started a new BC alumni chapter in the Austin area. • Mike Malloy has been with Deloitte Consulting in Washington DC since graduation and has been working part-time on his MS in computer science at Georgetown. Mike is living with fellow '08er Mike Korchak, who is also studying at Georgetown, having just completed his second year at the medical school. • Shannon Sullivan will be returning to the Newton Campus this fall—this time to attend BC Law. Shannon has been working in Washington DC since graduation. • Michael Leen and Ashley McLaughlin were married on June 26 in St. Paul, MN. The wedding party included Eric Sanderson, Jordan Bragg, and Eileen Puzo MA'09. Other wedding guests included Robert Edelman '73; Michael Puzo '74, JD'77; James '74, JD'77, and Dona (Metcalf) Laughlin '75; Eileen (Edelman) Minihan MEd'76; John '78 and Colleen (Edelman) Leen'79; Ellen Edelman-Franklin '82; James Puzo; Colin Smith; Jeff Staples; Colin Laughlin; Tim Manning '09; Kerry Fino; Hunter Vigneault; Greg Herrle; Ruth (Spangler) Herrle; Maureen "Mo" Lonergan; Jen Ferraris MA'09; Lauren Lieppman; Sarah Conaghan; Meg Weldon MEd'09; Matt Maher '09; and Kristin Stobo '10. The wedding featured bride and groom "Baldwin" cake toppers.

## 2009

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Alicia Kinton is at UPenn's graduate school of nursing, working toward an MSN with a specialty in women's health. • Jillian Donohue is at the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY, in the school counseling master's program. • Jackie Ouellet is a training manager at Virtual Inc. in IT security in Wakefield. • Nick Ackerman is working with the New York City Department of Education as the New American Academy director of communications. • Lizzy Robbins is an admissions officer for the master's Security Studies Program at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. • Natasha Treacy recently made the move from Citco Fund Services to a new job doing investor relations at Luxor Capital Management, a hedge fund in New York City. • Austin Bryant is enjoying his ability to exercise his creativity as a product writer at Rue La La in Boston. • Bryce Rudow is working at Bayard

## 2005 REUNION 2010

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Elizabeth Stowe married Mark Fennell on September 6, 2009, in Warwick, RI. Regina Lauricella was the maid of honor; Christine Bourque, MS'06, was a bridesmaid; and Robert Keely was the best man. Other alumni in attendance included S. Christopher Stowe Jr. '73, JD'76; Jeanne Blank Stowe '73; James Fennell '69; James Nichols '52, MBA'62; John Tessitore '73; Kellie Faircloth; Rev. Gregory Stowe '01; Karen Stowe Mark '76, MEd'77; Emily Keane; Lauren Tallevi '04; Eileen Holmes MSW'07; Elizabeth Bender '04; Christy Neu Rodriguez JD'08; Trevor Rozier-Byrd; Lana De Angelis; Steve Cote; Courtney Reynolds; Emily Stanger; Elizabeth Donahue MS'10; Jennifer Marsh '06; Justin '04 and Jessica Johnson Zbrzezny MEd'06; Christopher Iaquinto '06; James Pollack '03; David Seltz '03; Gus Pabst; Matthew Barbini '03; David Herman; John Rybicki; Christopher Hawkins '04; Matthias Schildwachter '03; and JP Shuster. The Fennells live in South Boston. • Hannah Nolan-Spohn married Matthew Hess on May 29 in Haddonfield, NJ. Robert Wabler, Colleen Gordon DaRos, Peter DeLuca MA'07, Jon Venne, Shana Rabinowich, Amar Ashar, Elana Western, James Noonan, Barry Mills, Sarah Brown, Joe Halli, and Kate Kreinbring were in attendance. The couple live in Chicago. • Tanesha Barnes has contributed to a new book on social justice, *Love, Race and Liberation: 'Til the White Day is Done*, which was released in March. Tanesha oversees campus-wide cultural and social justice programs for the Center for Multicultural Education and Programs at NYU and facilitates various social justice and diversity workshops. • I hope everyone had a great time at Reunion! It was really nice seeing so many of you, sharing old memories, and creating new ones. I look forward to seeing you all again!

Advertising in Washington DC. • **Malcolm Ohl** recently moved to Alaska, where he a howitzer platoon leader with the Army's 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

## 2010

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Congratulations, Class of 2010, on your graduation, and welcome to the ranks of Boston College alumni! • We are pleased to welcome our newest correspondent, **Bridget Sweeney**, who has kindly volunteered to represent the Class of 2010 in these pages. Please let her know what you have been doing since your departure from the Heights and help her get a running start for her column for the Fall issue!

## WCAS

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Reunion 2010 was a great success. The reception was held on the Brighton Campus at what was once the cardinal's residence. Our dean, Fr. James Woods '54, MAT'61, STB'62, spoke about the concept of distance learning utilizing high-tech, high-touch Web innovations. **Michael Devlin** '88 spoke about the value of his Boston College education, his current career in finance, and the wonderful support of the New York chapter of BC alumni. John Feudo '82, associate VP for alumni relations, gave a presentation on the master plan for the development of Boston College. • **Donald M. Harney** '62 reports that he and his wife, Geri, were planning to vacation in Ireland in June. Their daughter Cynthia married Rene Becker this past April. Cynthia is a graduate of Emmanuel College, while Rene is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is the owner-proprietor of the Hi Rise Bread Co. in Cambridge. • **Barbara Lyons** '84, a longtime and devoted employee of the telephone company, was planning to retire at the end of June. Enjoy retirement, Barbara! • **Jean Beattie** '87, MS'04, has been employed at BC for 22 years. She is a technology consultant in the IT department. • **Eileen Forde** '90, MBA'94, retired from John Hancock in 2003 and spends her winters in Florida and the remainder of her time in Falmouth on the Cape.

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**Edward Harris**, MBA'09, recently accepted a position at Under Armour in Baltimore as brand manager. He was formerly employed

at Timberland as brand manager. • **Patrick C. Keefe**, MBA'09, has joined TD Bank in Boston as a commercial portfolio manager. He previously served as a financial analyst at Crosspoint Associates in Natick and at CBRE Investors in Boston. A native of East Lyme, CT, Patrick, graduated from Northeastern University in 2000 and now resides in Boston.

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## GSAS

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**Richard Finnegan**, MA'66, has been selected as a Fulbright Distinguished Chair for 2010-2011 at Masaryk University in the Czech Republic. He will be based in the Department of International Relations and European Studies. An international relations scholar and an authority on Irish studies, Richard has long served as chair of the political science department and as director of the Irish Studies and International Studies programs at Stonehill College, where he has also been director of the Honors Program and interim dean of the faculty. Richard is active in the Irish American community in Boston, and in 2009 the *Irish Voice* newspaper included him in its list of Top 100 Irish American Educators. • **Robert Waxler**, MA'69, recently published a memoir, *Courage to Walk* (Spinner Publications), about his son's battle with a crippling illness. Robert is an English professor at UMass Dartmouth, where he cofounded the Center for Jewish Culture as well as the alternative sentencing program for criminal offenders, Changing Lives through Literature. • We are sad to report that **Eileen Ann O'Neil**, PhD'91, passed away on May 20. Eileen, who held BA and JD degrees from Creighton University, was a professor of public health and family medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. • **Monica and John Bergin**, MA'95, wrote to announce the arrival of their first child, John Charles, in May. John is a software engineer at Lockheed Martin. The Bergins reside in Conshohocken, PA. • **Jason Pannone**, MA'98, recently had his article, "Building Digital Libraries: Role of Social (Open Source) Software," co-authored with Kshema Prakash and K. Santi Swarup, published in *Developing Sustainable Digital Libraries: Socio-Technical Perspectives* (IGI Global Publications). • **Gerald J. Beyer**, PhD'05, has published his book *Recovering Solidarity: Lessons from Poland's Unfinished Revolution* (University of Notre Dame Press). He was also recently tenured and promoted to associate professor of theology at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

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On June 1, **Paul Crawford**, MSW'02, was appointed the director of the Offices for Public Policy, Respect Life, Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services of the Diocese of Manchester, NH. Paul will also continue to work for New Hampshire Catholic Charities as a outreach coordinator.

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**Dawn Turco**, DEd'87, senior VP of educational operations for the Hadley School for the Blind, is the 2010 winner of the Distance Education and Training Council Distinguished Service Award for her 17 years of outstanding service to the school. Dawn oversees Hadley's strategic initiatives, accreditation process and program development and was responsible for creating the school's first online course, "Internet Basics," to help visually impaired students understand the Internet and the Web. • In July, **Lynne Celli**, MED'88, PhD'91, became the new head of the Swampscott public school system. A Clark University alumna, Lynne taught at her childhood Catholic school, Julie Country Day School, before becoming principal at St. Mel's Day School in Gloucester. She has taught at Lasell College and Anna Maria College and served as director of curriculum in Gardner and as assistant superintendent in Lexington. Most recently she was assistant superintendent/principal at Nashoba Valley Technical High School in Westford. Lynne resides in Leominster. • **James Forest**, PhD'98, is a visiting associate professor at UMass Lowell and a senior fellow at the Joint Special Operations University.

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# OBITUARIES

## 1920S

Edmund M. Keefe '29, MA'33, of Irvine, CA, on February 18, 2010.

## 1930S

Francis P. Brennan '39 of Winchester on April 4, 2010.

Robert V. Condon '36 of Framingham, formerly of Sugar Hill, NH, on April 21, 2010.

James Russell Doherty '38 of Arlington on April 3, 2010.

Robert A. Potenza '36 of Slaterville, RI, on April 17, 2010.

Daniel B. Ryan Jr. '39 of Port St. John, FL, on April 19, 2010.

## 1940S

James F. Boudreau, Esq., '42 of East Falmouth on March 31, 2010.

Francis J. Brady '43 of Roswell, GA, on April 23, 2010.

Charles G. Crowley, SJ, '45, MA'47, MS'47, of Weston on May 22, 2010.

Hugh F. Daly '48, MSSW'50, of Park Hills, KY, on June 7, 2010.

John S. Dennehy, Esq., '47 of Needham on April 21, 2010.

Francis X. Diskin, CSP, '40 of New York, NY, on June 25, 2010.

Joseph F. Flanagan, SJ, '46, MA'55, STL'60, of Chestnut Hill on May 14, 2010.

James A. Keeley '42 of Woburn on August 20, 2009.

Thomas J. Leittem, Esq., JD'48, of Prairie Village, KS, on March 24, 2010.

Agnes P. Mahoney, MEd'41, of Tewksbury on June 23, 2010.

Thomas D. Manning '43 of Milton on June 20, 2010.

Robert M. Morrison '48 of Brighton on May 8, 2010.

Edward P. O'Sullivan '43 of Houston, TX, on May 12, 2010.

Frank L. Ryan, MA'48, of North Easton on May 26, 2010.

Frederick J. Seely '42 of Needham on May 3, 2010.

Louis I. Sklar, Esq., JD'48, of Marblehead on June 3, 2010.

Joseph P. Walsh Jr. '47 of Westwood on May 5, 2010.

Joseph P. Walsh '49 of Grasonville, MD, on March 25, 2010.

## 1950S

Mary Stella Aquilina, MEd'59, of Evansville, IN, on May 27, 2010.

Victor A. Balchunas '51 of Weymouth on May 9, 2010.

Donald W. Barr, Esq., JD'53, of Hanover, NH, on January 11, 2010.

Robert L. Bavelock, MSW'59, of Plymouth and Naples, FL, on October 29, 2009.

Alice Kain Berry '52 of Wakefield on March 26, 2010.

Elizabeth Burns '56 of Syracuse, NY, on April 23, 2010.

John J. Burns '52 of San Diego, CA, on April 25, 2010.

Herbert W. Busch Jr. '59 of Hudson on May 14, 2010.

Anne-Marie (Faria) Cail '59 of Longboat Key, FL, on June 7, 2010.

John B. Casey '50 of Yarmouth Port on June 1, 2010.

Robert M. Collins '50 of Hampton, NH, on May 20, 2010.

James A. Conway '51 of Framingham on April 29, 2010.

Paul L. Corcoran '50 of Wilton, CT, on April 20, 2010.

William J. Cullen, SJ, '54, MA'59, STL'66, of Weston on May 25, 2010.

John O. Daly '57 of Woburn on April 13, 2010.

Roland B. Desilets Sr. '58 of Malvern, PA, on April 5, 2010.

William G. Devine, SJ, '50, MA'51, MA'54, PHL'51, of Weston on June 20, 2010.

Edward F. Dicenzo '52, MEd'61, of Boston on June 1, 2010.

John C. Doherty '55 of Waterville, ME, on April 17, 2010.

John F. Dolan, Esq., JD'51, of Barrington, RI, on June 10, 2010.

Joseph A. Fagan Sr. '52 of Wellesley Hills on May 9, 2010.

Charles J. Flathers '50 of Peabody on September 23, 2009.

John J. Flynn, Esq., '58 of Salt Lake City, UT, on April 11, 2010.

Robert F. Flynn '59 of Framingham on April 8, 2010.

Gerard D. Fradette '51 of Melbourne, FL, on March 30, 2010.

Roland P. Gendron '51, MEd'53, of Southbridge, formerly of Danielson, CT, on March 23, 2010.

Herbert J. Glynn '52 of Northborough on November 12, 2009.

Stanley A. Goode '50 of Fitchburg on May 9, 2010.

Charles F. Hurley Jr. '50 of Hyannis on May 18, 2010.

Gabrielle L. Jean, SCO, MEd'57, PhD'61, of Lowell on June 8, 2010.

Joseph G. Laffy '50 of Peabody on April 12, 2010.

Nancy Pacious Lane '59 of Marlborough on April 2, 2010.

Charles H. Lonergan '50 of Norwell on March 25, 2010.

Eugene Lyne, Esq., JD'51, of Ocean Ridge, FL, on May 13, 2010.

Frederick J. MacCormack '50, MEd'53, of Milton, formerly of Hyde Park, on April 2, 2010.

Alice Simard Macek '59 of North Attleboro on April 19, 2010.

Catherine Madden, CSJ, MA'54, of Brockton on March 31, 2010.

Mitchell Maloof, MEd'54, of Wellesley on May 23, 2008.

John J. McArdle Jr. '52, MBA'70, of Topsfield on March 31, 2010.

Robert F. McCarthy, MEd'54, of Everett on April 24, 2010.

Mary Joyce McCarty, MEd'55, of Edwardsville, IL, on August 27, 2009.

Patricia Molloy McDermott, MA'50, of Randolph on April 27, 2010.

Joseph M. McDonough '50, MA'51, of Westwood on March 31, 2010.

Matthew F. McNamara WCAS'55 of Reading on March 25, 2010.

Leonard L. Medeiros, MEd'51, of North Dartmouth on May 3, 2010.

Richard J. Montvitt '54 of Natick, on March 24, 2010.

Frank Muller, Esq., JD'59, of Pelham, NY, on December 11, 2009.

John N. Murray '51 of Fairfield, CT, on April 28, 2010.

Ruth A. Murray, MEd'52, of Cambridge on May 21, 2010.

Anthony R. Muscente, MEd'54, of Danielson, CT, on August 5, 2009.

Richard W. Nerbonne '58 of Fairhaven on April 15, 2010.

Francis X. Nihan '51 of Hanover on March 26, 2010.

John A. O'Connor, Esq., '52 of Dorchester on April 23, 2010.

Gilbert T. Rocha, Esq., '54, JD'57, of Barrington, RI, on December 19, 2008.

Joseph F. Sawyer, Esq., JD'58, of Worcester on April 2, 2010.

John W. Shanahan '59 of Turners Falls on May 5, 2010.

John J. Shine '53 of Spokane, WA, on February 27, 2010.

Evelyn Gage Strobel '55 of South Weymouth on April 13, 2010.

John L. Sullivan WCAS'54, MA'59, PhD'71, of Hingham on May 3, 2010.

Frank S. Taft Jr. '51 of Newton on April 20, 2010.

Leo E. Wesner '51 of Quincy on April 25, 2010.

Thomas H. Whalen '59, MBA'68, of York, ME, on June 8, 2010.

## 1960S

Richard R. Alexander WCAS'60 of Belmont on June 21, 2010.

Suzanne Tenner Bangert '65 of Wayzata, MN, on November 14, 2009.

Robert E. Barrett, Esq., '67, JD'70 of Milton on April 23, 2009.

Edgar J. Bellefontaine, Esq., JD'61, of Peabody on April 24, 2010.

Maureen Donnellan Buzzell '61 of Hingham on January 25, 2010.

Ernest E. Chamberlain, MA'63, of Hopkinton on May 22, 2010.

William R. Clifford '67 of Marshfield on May 19, 2010.

Angela Fiore Cosgrove '67 of Chelmsford on April 8, 2010.

John M. Cronin Jr. '66 of Anchorage, AK, on April 1, 2010.

**Stephen F. Dawber, SJ, MA'63, PHL'63,** of Weston on April 29, 2010.

**David A. Dillon '63** of Amherst on June 3, 2010.

**John R. Durant, MBA'67,** of Osterville on June 12, 2010.

**Fred F. Fitzgerald, Esq., JD'66,** of Bethesda, MD, on March 6, 2010.

**William C. Franz '63** of West Brighton, NY, on December 15, 2009.

**James E. Glynn WCAS'60** of Mansfield on March 15, 2008.

**Ralph W. Gridley '60** of Peabody on June 23, 2010.

**Francis J. Hannon '68** of Belfast, ME, on March 17, 2010.

**Mary Ellen David Haverty, OSF, WCAS'63,** of Newton on June 19, 2010.

**John N. Healy '60** of Dunedin, FL, on March 28, 2010.

**Charles A. Hughes '62** of West Roxbury on May 4, 2010.

**Bernadette P. Hungler, MS'61, PhD'85,** of Needham on June 10, 2010.

**Robert O. Jenkins, MEd'61,** of Scarborough, ME, on April 16, 2010.

**Joan M. Johnson WCAS'65** of Waltham on March 30, 2010.

**John J. Kelleher WCAS'69** of North Reading on June 21, 2010.

**Edward F. Kelley II '65, MAT'68,** of Arlington on May 7, 2010.

**Thomas B. Kelley '64** of Nashua, NH, on May 21, 2010.

**Francis E. Kelly Jr. WCAS'65** of Quincy on May 20, 2010.

**Anne Crofoot Kuckro NC'67** of Wethersfield, CT, on March 20, 2010.

**Howard J. Landers Jr. '61** of Jupiter, FL, on October 31, 2010.

**Francis J. Larkin, Esq., '61** of Belmont on May 10, 2010.

**Robert E. Long, MEd'64,** of Hartford, CT, on April 27, 2010.

**Anthony J. Lugris '69** of Post Falls, ID, on February 26, 2010.

**Henry Lyons, Esq. '66** of Fairfield, CT, on May 6, 2010.

**Diane (Walsh) MacNeil '64, MS'68,** of Belmont on June 11, 2010.

**Peter J. McGrath '63** of Billerica on April 19, 2010.

**Edward M. McManus '68** of Natick on April 20, 2010.

**Robert F. Menard '64** of Palm Coast, FL, on April 17, 2010.

**Kenneth C. Murphy, MSW'61,** of New Cumberland, PA, on May 6, 2010.

**John B. O'Connell, MEd'69,** of Mashpee on March 29, 2010.

**Edward G. O'Connor '69** of Palm Bay, FL, on October 7, 2009.

**Burt G. Parcels, EdD'67,** of Centerville on April 24, 2010.

**Edward C. Poulin, SM, MEd'60,** of Windham, CT, on April 15, 2010.

**Bernard F. Powell, MEd'63,** of Braintree, formerly of Palm City, FL, on May 25, 2010.

**Miriam M. Rouhou WCAS'66** of Bourne, on May 26, 2010.

**Conrad J. Rybicki, Esq. '69, JD'72,** of Northport, NY, on March 5, 2010.

**Chester Susecki '61** of Clementon, NJ, on April 17, 2010.

**Edward A. Wlodarczyk '60** of Westborough on May 8, 2010.

## 1970s

**John H. Brennan '71** of Milton on May 30, 2010.

**Terence M. Brosnan '75** of Hopkinton on June 14, 2010.

**Robert K. Cannon WCAS'74** of Squantum on April 16, 2010.

**William J. Caron, Esq., JD'70,** of Jacksonville, FL, on March 21, 2010.

**Theodore J. Chamberlain, MEd'71,** of Beverly on May 22, 2010.

**Thomas C. Federico, Esq., '79** of Acton on June 28, 2010.

**James M. Hayes, Esq., '71, JD'75,** of Boston on June 24, 2009.

**Jane Boyden Kropp, MEd'78,** of Huntington Beach, CA, on March 21, 2010.

**Charles J. Kuruc '72** of Livermore, CA, on April 8, 2010.

**John P. McSweeney '73** of West Danville, VT, on April 15, 2010.

**Angela Mulligan, DC, MA'70,** of Albany, NY, on March 29, 2010.

**James Blaine Murphy WCAS'75** of Needham on April 17, 2010.

**Audrey Catherine Olson, MS'78,** of Wakefield, RI, on June 9, 2010.

**Richard W. Paine, PhD'72,** of Cambridge on April 21, 2010.

**Nancy (Colonna) Philipose '78** of Limington, ME, on June 8, 2010.

**Ann Hyde Poliseno '72** of Brockton on May 14, 2010.

**Daniel J. Reardon '72** of Pallasgreen, Ireland, formerly of Reading, PA, on April 23, 2010.

**Joyce Chandler Reels '76** of Mystic, CT, on June 25, 2010.

**Paul A. Ricciardi '75** of Holden on April 18, 2010.

**Harvey R. Shore '71** of Randolph on April 11, 2010.

**Janet H. Simon '75** of Dartmouth on April 12, 2010.

**Susan Michele (Gibba) Squires '78** of Caldwell, NJ, on March 10, 2010.

**Brendan J. Sullivan '73** of Big Sur, CA, on April 19, 2010.

**Michael C. Troop '76** of Ramsey, NJ, on May 17, 2010.

**Eric Carl Westerberg, MBA'78,** of Topsfield on June 19, 2010.

**Kathleen R. Winn '72** of Wareham on April 27, 2010.

**Donald F. Zak '71** of Cheshire, CT, on May 13, 2010.

## 1980s

**Christine Byrne '86** of Hudson on April 6, 2010.

**Susan (Sullivan) Gates '81** of Cazenovia, NY, on May 18, 2010.

**Maurice Hope-Thompson, Esq., JD'80,** of Houston, TX, on January 4, 2010.

**Katherine McElaney, MDiv'80,** of Douglas on May 3, 2010.

**Ellen O'Connell Sutherland '83** of Sudbury on April 21, 2010.

**Kevin J. Verfaille '81** of Redondo Beach, CA, on April 30, 2010.

**Christopher W. White '85** of West Grove, PA, on April 21, 2010.

## 1990s

**Arlene Gensler, MTS'90,** of Fort Collins, CO, on January 10, 2010.

**Stephanie A. Martin '90** of Waltham on April 3, 2010.

**Janet Milley, Esq., JD'94,** of Sandy Point, ME, on April 28, 2010.

**Eileen A. O'Neil, PhD'91,** of Brewster on May 24, 2010.

**Joanne Marandos Weltman, MA'95,** of Holliston on May 14, 2010.

## 2000s

**Katherine M. Anderson, MS'03,** of Waltham on May 28, 2010.

## FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

**Joseph F.X. Flanagan, SJ,** of Chestnut Hill, professor of philosophy since 1963, on May 14, 2010, at age 84. He is survived by his brothers Newman, James, and Kevin, and his sister Rosemary Cronin.

**William W. Meissner, SJ,** of Chestnut Hill, University Professor of Psychoanalysis since 1987, on April 16, 2010, at age 79. He is survived by his sister Gretchen.

**Victor Nurse,** of Boston, custodian since 1981, on May 5, 2010, at age 64. He is survived by his wife, Erlene; sons Junior and Tony; daughter Margaret; stepsons Robert, Ricardo, and Peter; and stepdaughters Yvette and Jocelyn.

**Serge Torchon,** of Winchester, custodian since 1972, on April 25, 2010, at age 62. He is survived by his wife, Ernante, and daughters Fabrice and Fabiola.

*The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.*

# LIGHT·the·WORLD

150TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

## STAYING ENGAGED

### ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS FORGE LASTING CONNECTION

**M**ore than 700 alumni volunteers gave their time and talent to Reunion Weekend 2010—ensuring that this year's festivities were the largest attended on record with nearly 5,400 graduates and guests returning to the Heights.

In fact, Boston College reunions are ranked among the top five in alumni participation nationwide, and June's three-day celebration featured class parties for 12 graduation years as well as more than 20 other events held on and off campus.

This success speaks to the pride BC alumni feel in their alma mater—a connection that leads many to volunteer year-round. In fact, 80 percent of those who assist with reunion keep giving back to the University, strengthening the *Light the World* campaign initiative to double the number of alumni who enrich BC through their service.

"I received so much from BC, and volunteering is a fun and rewarding way to show my appreciation," says Mary Bevelock '85, who contributed to two prior reunions before joining her 25th Reunion Committee. "My best friends are BC friends, and volunteering also gives me the chance to keep in touch with them and to meet new alumni friends as well."

As a committee member, Bevelock and more than 60 classmates planned their class party and also helped raise funds for a reunion gift that will support undergraduate financial aid and other key University priorities.

"Assisting with reunion is an excellent way to be introduced to the BC volunteer experience," she says. "But you don't have to wait until your reunion to get involved with BC."



ROSE LINCOLN

Alumni volunteers create connections among fellow graduates—at reunion and throughout the year—and strengthen the BC experience of current students.

Along with nearly 675 other alumnae, Bevelock serves on the Council for Women of Boston College, one of the growing number of affinity groups that graduates can join, such as the Arts, Energy and Environment, and Communication alumni networks. She also advises current accounting students on their career paths and participates in the BC Connections program, providing one-on-one mentoring to a female student over two and a half years.

Hugh O'Kane '00, who served as gifts co-chair of his 10th Reunion Committee, is another graduate who sees many opportunities for alumni to stay engaged.

"No matter where your talents and interests lie, there are BC alumni programs and events that are right for you," says O'Kane, who was a

founding member of the Maroon & GOLD Executive Committee. "I helped organize events that kept graduates of the last decade connected after graduation, but there are ways to volunteer for your alumni chapter too, enriching your local BC community by participating in any number of programs from athletics to spirituality."

He views volunteering as a natural extension of the "ever to excel" spirit that distinguishes the Heights.

"As Boston College grows in reputation," says O'Kane, "you want to leave the University in a better place than where you found it. Engaging in volunteer service will help BC continue to flourish and to provide the best possible experience for both students and alumni."

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE AT A GLANCE

- » Alumni volunteers play an important role in the *Light the World* campaign by enriching the Boston College experience for current students and fellow graduates alike.
- » Volunteering is an easy and enjoyable way to reconnect with old BC friends and to meet new ones.
- » Opportunities abound: alumni chapters, class activities, alumni committees, affinity groups, spirituality and service events, alumni education programming, career services, and much more.

Get involved at [www.bc.edu/volunteer](http://www.bc.edu/volunteer).

# FINANCIAL AID ON THE RISE

## CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS CORE VALUE

Boston College will increase need-based undergraduate financial aid by \$5.5 million, or seven percent, for the 2010–11 academic year. This growth, which brings the total of such aid to \$79.3 million, reflects the University's long-standing commitment to the education of talented students regardless of their financial means.

This is the second consecutive year that BC has raised the student aid budget by seven percent or more, demonstrating the positive—and immediate—impact that the *Light the World* campaign has had on the Heights.

"Since its founding, BC has taken seriously its Jesuit,

Catholic mission to be there for students in need," says campaign co-chair Charles I. Clough, Jr. '64, P'87, '93, '98, "and, today, seven in 10 Boston College undergraduates receive some form of financial assistance. This is why increasing aid is a key priority of *Light the World*, and campaign donors play an important role in ensuring that students of all economic backgrounds benefit from a BC education."

Because the University raised tuition by only 3.2 percent for the coming academic year—one of the lowest increases in decades—ongoing support is crucial if BC is to remain one

of only 27 private universities in the nation that has need-blind admission and that meets the full demonstrated need of all accepted undergraduates.

It is this commitment that enables students like London McWilliams '11, a four-year recipient of financial aid, to develop their abilities in an academic environment that nurtures the whole person.

A double major in psychology and film studies, McWilliams is a member of the Shaw Leadership Program and balances her coursework with other BC endeavors that give her a "well-rounded education." This summer, she pursued

an undergraduate research fellowship with Fine Arts Professor John Michalczyk, serving as an editor for several documentary films.

"The hands-on training has been incredible and has definitely prepared me for my career," says McWilliams. "And with my participation in Shaw and other BC-sponsored volunteer opportunities, I've learned when to lead and when to follow and have seen how my personal experiences can inform my professional work. I can't imagine going to any other school and getting the same education—and it is all possible thanks to financial aid."

## ILLUMINATIONS

Roshan Rajkumar '95

**CURRENT RESIDENCE**  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

**UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS**  
Political science and theology

**OCCUPATION**  
Civil trial defense attorney

**FAVORITE BC ACTIVITY**  
Attending any alumni event with fellow Eagles

### What made your time at the Heights special?

It was the personal connections I made by getting involved in campus life—participating in the University Chorale, the Class Government Council, the Jenks Leadership Program, and the Student Judicial Board as well as UGBC and Ignacio Volunteers. Through my involvement, I met amazing friends and faculty who mentored me on living a life with conviction for justice, compassion, and commitment to others.

### How do you stay involved with Boston College today?

I'm on the leadership team of the Minnesota Chapter, helping to create and promote activities and events for alumni, students, and parents. I'm also the chapter's liaison on the Alumni Association Board of Directors—an opportunity that has given me a greater understanding of how BC continues to develop as a premiere Jesuit, Catholic institution. Both activities have helped me as an admission



PATRICK O'LEARY

volunteer, which provides me with a terrific chance to share my BC experiences with prospective students in my area.

### Why should alumni consider volunteering for BC?

I grew intellectually and spiritually at the Heights and felt deeply connected to the Jesuit goal of being "men and women for others." I still embrace this objective—really, this *calling*—and believe that being an Eagle means continuing to serve others after leaving BC. The *Light the World* campaign, with its goal to increase alumni engagement, gives me—and all alumni—a chance to reconnect with our alma mater and to support the BC alumni community worldwide.

## DISCOVERY

By David Reich

## Young Madison's handwritten law notes

Boston College law professor Mary Sarah Bilder was deep into research on how many lawyers attended the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia when she paused to consider: What about James Madison? Bilder knew that Madison (1751–1836) had embarked on independent legal study after attending Princeton, while in his early twenties, and then again in his mid-thirties in the years before going to Philadelphia. But the Virginian never tried a case—and didn't seek admittance to the bar. He was not quite a lawyer, yet he had as much legal education as some who were.

Consulting the work of Madison's first biographer, William C. Rives, Bilder came upon an intriguing reference. Rives, who knew Madison, mentioned a set of handwritten notes Madison made while studying William Salkeld's *Reports*, a book of summaries of important cases in English common law, originally published in 1717. Rives had received a letter from a Virginia lawyer named Inman Horner who had studied Madison's notes and reported them to be worth saving, as "a memorial of industry, patience and clear, strong and discriminating mind." Horner's letter quoted directly from the notes.

So Bilder decided to take a look. But when she consulted an index of Madison's papers at the Library of Congress, she discovered an entry for the notebook on Salkeld accompanied by the notation "not found." Hoping that "the advent of electronic archival resources" would help her unearth the lost manuscript, Bilder says, she cast a wider net.

The only notes on Salkeld she could find were a set attributed to Thomas Jefferson. While reading that sewn-together "commonplace book" at the Library of Congress, she found some familiar-sounding passages. "Wait!" she recalls thinking. "I've read that before." In fact, she had read the passages in Horner's letter to Rives. Had she stumbled on the long-lost Madison notes? There followed extensive consultation with Madison scholars, archivists, and experts on colonial handwriting. The deeper Bilder dug, the stronger her case became. She lays out the evidence that the notes are Madison's in the May issue of *Law and History Review*, in an article entitled "James Madison, Law Student and Demi-Lawyer."

Playing the historical detective was "great fun," she says. "It's

what people think you get to do as a historian, but you usually don't."

Bilder found "significant differences in handwriting" when comparing notebooks known to be Jefferson's with the Madison notes. Further, she learned that Jefferson had also studied Salkeld's *Reports*, and had included his notes in two other legal commonplace books. A third version—a quite different one—by Jefferson seemed unlikely. Also telling is the fact that cases appearing early

in the *Reports* are summarized at some length, whereas cases toward the end of the *Reports* are summarized in few words or skipped altogether. "That's a part of Madison I'm totally sympathetic with," Bilder says. "It was typical of him. He wrote most of the early *Federalist Papers*, and Hamilton wrote most of the later parts. Madison got bored. He was always like this." By the end, "Madison had resorted to squishing words to avoid starting a new page."

Judging from Madison's letters to friends about his legal studies, Bilder traces the Salkeld notes to the years Madison spent at his family's plantation in the mid-1780s. This was a period of study that prepared him for the Constitutional Convention. Madison summarized the 702 pages of Salkeld in "thirty-nine pages plus two lines," she writes, digesting 430 cases and omitting many others.

Horner's praise notwithstanding, the notes "appear to contain little original or intellectual content," says Bilder. They do reveal one striking characteristic, however: Madison focused on "cases where words were not taken according to their strict meaning," Bilder writes: "What problems arose from the uncertainty of words? How did one interpret words in statutes?" The man who became one of the most important figures in constitutional interpretation is recognizable here, Bilder concludes. "Repeatedly the notes reveal Madison's fascination with these problems of language."

During her study of the notes on Salkeld, Bilder caught the Madison bug. She's now writing a book for Harvard University Press based on another set of Madison jottings, his notes on the Constitutional Convention.

David Reich is a writer in the Boston area.





Sullivan, at the Institute for the Study of War

# Classified

By Bruce Falconer

War historian

Marisa Cochrane Sullivan '07

Shortly after graduation, international studies major Marisa Cochrane Sullivan was hired as a research coordinator for the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), a conservative think tank in Washington, D.C., that examines military operations. She was its first full-time employee, and she spent her days sifting through open-source intelligence on Iraq and translating Pentagon jargon for the institute's white papers and fact sheets.

In January 2009, with the help of her boss, a former West Point professor, Sullivan secured a three-month rotation as the command historian for the Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I), the U.S.-led military operation based in Baghdad. Normally, the post goes to an officer, and extends to a year, but a last-minute drop-out created the opening. Sullivan was 23. The Status of Forces Agreement, setting the timetable for U.S. withdrawal, had gone into effect weeks before. Provincial elections were days away. She was responsible for compiling the official record of the period by attending classified meetings, talking with virtually any military person she wanted, and reviewing reams of primary source material. "At first I had to kind of fake the confidence a bit," she says, "because there was a lot of skepticism."

Sullivan lived at the military's Victory Base Complex adjacent to Baghdad airport, sharing a room in a trailer with another civilian. Six days a week she was at work by 7 A.M. in an office at Al-Faw Palace, the headquarters of the MNF-I (once a palace of Saddam Hussein's), reading and examining photos. After attending MNF-I Commanding General Ray Odierno's classified morning meeting, she usually hitched a ride with a convoy, in body armor and helmet, seven miles to the Green Zone, center of government and diplomacy, to conduct more interviews. Her workday ended around 10 P.M. Socializing was largely restricted to Friday night movies with members of Odierno's staff, watching DVDs on the large-screen television in "General O's" conference room.

Before departing, Sullivan synthesized her three months worth of material into a 40-page narrative that forms a chapter in the official, classified history of U.S. involvement in Iraq. She is now the ISW's research manager, overseeing a team of four analysts in the production of briefing materials on U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bruce Falconer is a Washington, D.C., writer.



"Googled," a collection of Sullivan's writings and video briefings, can be found at Full Story, [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).

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They discover that giving back is a great way to enrich their alma mater. And it's a lot of fun too.

But you don't have to wait for reunion. There are always opportunities to make an alumni connection, no matter where you live. Get involved today.

President William P. Leahy, SJ., with members of the 5th Reunion Committee during Reunion Weekend 2010, held June 4–6. Photograph by Gary Wayne Gilbert.